

# Northeast Storm Lingers

**Enduring storm surprises New England with big snow**

People stand together in a snowfall in Trenton, N.J., Friday, March 8, 2013. The storm dropped up to a foot of snow in some parts of New England, caused coastal flooding in Massachusetts and slowed commutes in the region to a slushy crawl.

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# Fiery final farewell for Venezuela's Hugo Chavez

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CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— President Hugo Chavez was lauded as a modern-day reincarnation of Latin American liberator Simon Bolivar and a disciple of Cuba's Fidel Castro at a fiery, foot-stomping state funeral on Friday that at times smacked of a political rally as presidents, princes and left-wing glitterati looked on. Chavez's hand-picked successor, Nicolas Maduro, emotionally eulogized the fallen leader at the military academy where the funeral was held, his voice booming over Chavez's flag-draped casket as he pledged eternal loyalty.

"Here we are, Comandante, your men, on their feet," Maduro shouted, government officials rising behind him. "All your men and women ... loyal until beyond death."

"Chavez Lives!" he declared. "Mission Accomplished!"

But all was not peace and harmony in a country deeply divided by

Chavez's 14 years in power. The opposition coalition announced it would boycott Maduro's swearing-in later Friday at the same military academy, calling it unconstitutional. The dispute foreshadows a bitter presidential campaign to come, with elections mandated within 30 days of Chavez's death.

The opposition also rejected the venue, complaining that the military command had already virtually endorsed Maduro as Chavez's rightful heir. The country's Supreme Court ruled Friday that Maduro became acting president when Chavez died and could thus run in the election without having to step down. The constitution bars sitting vice presidents from running for the top job. Opposition leader Henrique Capriles, who is expected to challenge Maduro, called the decision a "fraud."

The funeral began with Venezuela's national youth orchestra singing the national anthem, led by famed conductor Gustavo Dudamel. A government-

allied congressman later belted out cowboy songs from Chavez's native Barinas state.

The streets outside the military academy took on a carnival atmosphere, with military bands launching into marches and an expanse of supporters wearing the red of Chavez's

socialist party. Street vendors sold paper replicas of the presidential sash, which many people in the line slipped over their shoulder. Throngs watched the ceremony on huge monitors under the blazing sun, while a line to see Chavez's body stretched 1 1/2 miles (2 kilometers) but was halted as

the funeral got under way. In the funeral hall, more than 30 political leaders including Cuba's Raul Castro, Spanish Crown Prince Felipe de Borbon, and Iran's Mahmoud Ahmadinejad stood at attention before Chavez's flag-draped coffin, which was closed for the ceremony. □



A screen showing a video image of Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez plays during his funeral outside the military academy, in Caracas, Venezuela, Friday, March 8, 2013. Chavez died on March 5 after a nearly two-year bout with cancer. He was 58.

(AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd)

# Bin Laden relative pleads not guilty in terrorism case

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NEW YORK — Sulaiman Abu Ghaith, a son-in-law of Osama bin Laden who

once served as a spokesman for al-Qaida, pleaded not guilty at his arraignment

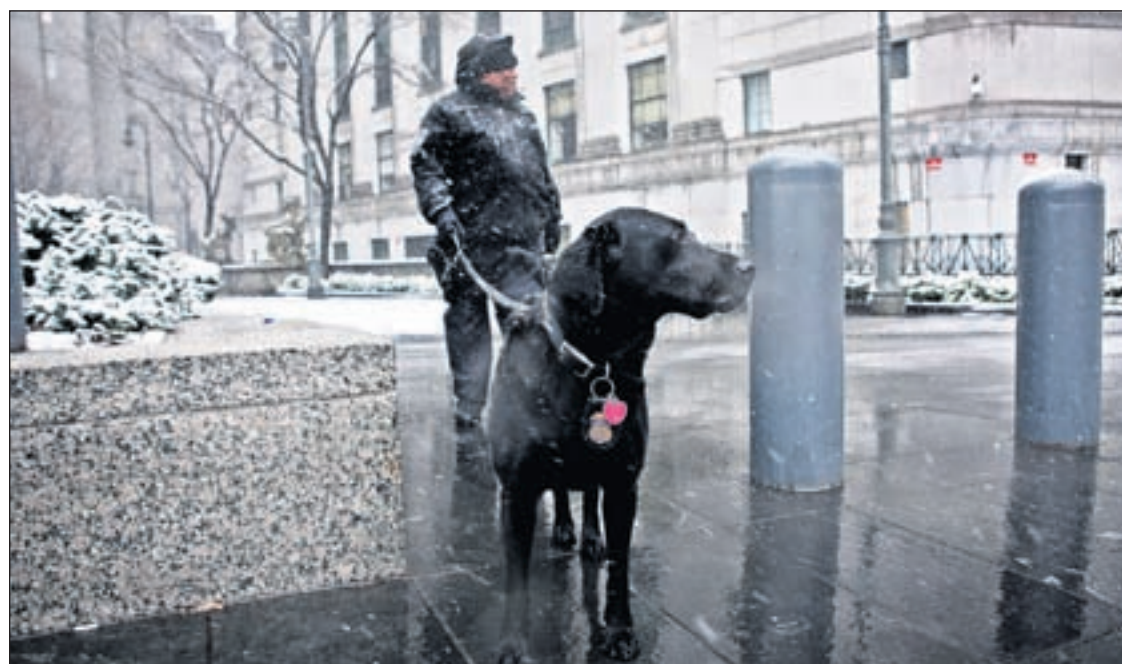
in federal court in Manhattan on Friday where he was charged with conspiring to kill Americans.

John P. Cronan, an assistant U.S. attorney, said in court that Abu Ghaith had spoken at length with U.S. law enforcement officials after his arrest by federal authorities in Jordan on Feb. 28, and cited a 22-page document that detailed his statements.

The appearance of Abu Ghaith before Judge Lewis A. Kaplan of U.S. District Court in Lower Manhattan, only blocks from the site of the Sept. 11 attack, was not without symbolism, but much of the details of both his role in al-Qaida and his arrest remained unclear.

Slight and balding, Abu Ghaith was led into the courtroom wearing handcuffs as about a dozen U.S. marshals provided security. Abu Ghaith said little be-

yond a few one-word replies to questions from the judge. Philip L. Weinstein, one of three lawyers the judge appointed to represent him, entered a not guilty plea on his behalf during the proceeding, which lasted less than 20 minutes. Cronan asked that Abu Ghaith be held without bail. Weinstein did not challenge the request, but left open the possibility of making a bail application later. Cronan said the government would take three weeks to present its case at trial, but no date was set. Weinstein declined to comment after the hearing. Justice Department officials described him as a propagandist who they believe has not had an operational role in al-Qaida for years and did not participate in the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, or in any plots against the United States. □



An inspector with the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Protective Service and his dog, Palova, check out a federal courthouse before Sulaiman Abu Ghaith appears to face terrorism charges, in New York, March 8, 2013. Ghaith, a son-in-law of Osama bin Laden who once served as a spokesman for al-Qaida, is to be charged with conspiracy to kill Americans, according to an indictment released Thursday.

(Michael Kirby Smith/The New York Times)



## AROUND THE WORLD

### Denmark Michelin restaurant sickens 63

**COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP)** — More than 60 customers who dined at one of the world's top restaurants in Denmark say they got viral gastroenteritis from eating there recently. The local food authority says it ordered a clean-up and safer handling of food at Noma, which has two Michelin stars and is a three-time winner of the world's top restaurant in S. Pellegrino World's 50 Best Restaurants list. The government agency said Friday it had investigated the restaurant in Copenhagen, after complaints from 63 customers who had eaten there during one week in February. manager Peter Kreiner said they were trying to track the source of the infection. □

### Indonesia arrests 5 for alleged brutality

**JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)** — Indonesia has arrested five officers in connection to a video showing four tied-up suspected terrorists allegedly being tortured by uniformed security forces in Central Sulawesi province. National detective chief Lt. Gen. Sutarman said Friday that several other officers are still being questioned in connection with the 14-minute video of the anti-terror squad, known as Detachment 88. The blurry footage from a 2007 operation in Poso showed officers trampling shirtless, bound suspects lying face down on the ground. The video, posted recently on YouTube and Muslim websites, has sparked outrage among Islamic groups. □

### Former defense minister will stand trial

**ATHENS, Greece (AP)** — Greek judicial authorities have ordered 19 people, including a former defense minister and his immediate family, to stand trial on money laundering charges related to alleged corruption in defense contracts. The judicial council did not set a trial date Friday for former minister Akis Tsochadzopoulos, his wife, daughter, ex-wife, a cousin and former business associates. Tsochadzopoulos was sentenced earlier this week to eight years imprisonment for submitting false income declarations. He, his wife and daughter have been in pre-trial detention for nearly a year. He denies all charges. □

### China says attack in Xinjiang area kills 4

**BEIJING (AP)** — An assailant hacked four people to death and injured eight others before being detained by police in an attack in China's restive Central Asian frontier, local residents and officials said Friday. Few details were available on Thursday's attack in the oil industry hub of Korla in the western Xinjiang region, and the motive was not immediately clear. Some local residents described it as part of a gambling dispute, while online accounts characterized it as an attack by an ethnic Muslim Uighur against members of the country's Han Chinese majority. Tensions between Uighurs and Han Chinese periodically bubble over into violence. □

### North Korean embassy opening on hold

**CANBERRA, Australia (AP)** — Australia has indefinitely blocked North Korea's plans to reopen its embassy in the Australian capital because of Pyongyang's nuclear weapons testing. Australian Foreign Minister Bob Carr's spokesman Patrick Low said this week that the government told Pyongyang that the proposal was on hold in light of the UN Security Council response to North Korea's third nuclear test on Feb. 12. "We've advised them that in light of that, their proposal to open an embassy in Australia is suspended until further notice," Low said. North Korea first opened an embassy in Canberra in 2002 but closed it for financial reasons six years later. □



A man waits under the St. Peter's Square colonnade in Vatican City, March 8, 2013. The cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church have settled on March 12 for the start of the papal election. (Gianni Cipriano/The New York Times)

## Cardinals to vote on new pope Tuesday

**DANIEL J. WAKIN  
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**VATICAN CITY** — The cardinals of the Catholic church have settled on Tuesday for the start of the papal election.

For days, speculation has been feverish about when they would begin their conclave. They made their decision shortly after beginning the latest of their regular meetings, at 5 p.m. local time, with the news transmitted by an email from the Vatican press office. So on Tuesday afternoon, the princes of the Catholic church will file into the Sistine Chapel and begin anonymous balloting for a successor to Benedict XVI, who set the transition in motion by resigning the papacy on Feb. 28, the first pope to do so in nearly 600 years. Since Monday, the cardinals have been gathering daily in a Vatican auditorium for meetings prescribed by the rules governing papal transitions. A few more than 100 of the 150 or so cardinals present have given short speeches about the state of the church and what is needed in the next pope, a subtle form of politicking and auditioning. Another session was scheduled for Saturday.

Vatican analysts and Vaticanists, those journalists who cover the Holy See and papal matters with a close eye, have theorized

about the significance of the congregation's length. One view is that Italian cardinals and insiders wanted to move quickly to a conclave to stave off too much scrutiny of the scandals that have washed over the Vatican in recent months. Another is that outsiders and foreign cardinals feel the need to explore questions of corruption and mismanagement more deeply. But other factors are at play. The congregation meetings are the last opportunities for cardinals 80 and above — who are not eligible to vote in the conclave — to voice their views publicly about the church's direction and the kind of pope who should lead it. A more prosaic cause for the timing of the conclave announcement is an interpretation of Vatican rules on declaring a conclave that requires all the elector cardinals to be present to do so. The last, Cardinal Jean-Baptiste Pham Minh Man, arrived Thursday.

The formal discussions have not been focused according to subject matter. The cardinals speak in the order of their requests. Normally, the conclave should start 15 to 20 days after the end of a papacy, a period intended to include preparations for a papal funeral and for mourning. But Benedict, in the days before he stepped down, revised the rules to allow

an earlier start.

The Tuesday start date allows for the cardinals to elect and install a pope from their ranks well ahead of the busy Easter week, which begins on March 24 with Palm Sunday, seven days before Easter itself.

Two of the 117 cardinals under 80 are not attending. They are Cardinal Julius Riyadi Darmaatmadja of Indonesia, who cited ill health, and Keith O'Brien of Scotland, who said he would not be attending after being accused of "inappropriate acts" with priests. He later acknowledged committing sexual misconduct. On Friday, the cardinals voted to accept the reasons given for the two absences, as they are required to do. The vote was a reminder of the need to choose a pope who is untainted by improprieties. "They're very concerned about getting somebody clean," said Robert Mickens, the Vatican correspondent for The Tablet, a London-based Catholic weekly. "The O'Brien scandal is right in their faces."

There are no clear front-runners, but some cardinals hinted earlier in the week that they believe the church needs a compelling communicator who wins souls through his words and his holy bearing, and a strong-minded administrator who can tackle the disarray and scandal in the Vatican. □





## Enduring storm surprises New England with big snow

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**WHITMAN, Mass. (AP)** — The late-winter storm that buried parts of the country was forecast to be little more than a nuisance for most of New England. Try telling that to Connecticut and Massachusetts residents who spent two days shoveling as much as 2 feet snow.

"The forecast was 4 to 6 inches and I think I'm looking at about 12 to 14 inches," West Roxbury resident Mark Spillane said as snow continued to fall Friday. "I did not expect to have to bring out the snow blower." The storm was centered far out in the Atlantic Ocean, and by the time it reached New England, forecasters were focused on the po-

tential for coastal flooding and not snow, which in many places was predicted to reach a maximum of 6 or 8 inches.

The coastline was battered by three high tides during the duration of the storm, the worst Friday morning, when some roads in coast-

al towns were flooded with up to 3 feet of water. A vacant house on Plum Island, off the northeast coast of Massachusetts, was ripped from its foundation and collapsed into the sea. Other homes there were badly damaged.

But in most places, it was the persistent snow that threw people for a loop. The National Weather Service reported nearly 13 inches of snow at Boston's Logan International Airport as of 1 p.m., with more than 2 feet in a few Massachusetts towns and nearly that much in many others. Some parts of Connecticut and New Hampshire also saw more than a foot.

With spring less than two weeks away, Lisa Parisella, of Beverly, Mass., had

been ready to dig out her sandals. Instead, she found herself donning her winter boots for a trip to the grocery store to make sure she had enough food for her kids, whose classes were canceled Friday.

"This was unexpected," said Parisella, 47, an office manager. Forecasts had called for between 1 and 8 inches. Instead, her town had well over a foot by noon, and snow continued to fall. "I was ready to start decorating for spring. I was thinking, March, ready to take out the sandals, and I'm taking out the boots again." Tim Wicker, a self-employed 32-year-old resident of Norwich, Conn., said the latest storm wasn't too bad, but he was also longing for spring.



**A house on the Plum Island seacoast in Newbury, Mass., sits partially collapsed into the churning surf, driven by winds from a slow-moving storm centered far out in the Atlantic Ocean, at high tide Friday, March 8, 2013.**

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"The other day I was out in a T-shirt," Wicker said. "Now we're dealing with this again. It's going to be 54 on Sunday. It's just New England."

Charley Foley, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Taunton, said the higher snowfalls were caused by winds swirling around the storm that subtly changed course from the northeast to a more northerly direction. That allowed the storm to tap colder air from Canada, pick up moisture from the warmer ocean and dump snow on New England.

"We did get somewhat surprised by higher snow amounts," Foley said.

The storm had been giving forecasters fits for days. After pummeling the Midwest earlier in the week, it dumped nearly two feet of snow in some part of the mid-Atlantic but largely spared the nation's capital, despite warnings that as much as 10 inches could fall on Washington. □



# Delta Air Lines chief opposes US policy on knives

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Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The head of Delta Air Lines on Friday joined the growing opposition to the Transportation Security Administration's new policy allowing passengers to carry small knives onto planes.

Delta chief executive Richard Anderson said in a letter to TSA Administrator John Pistole that he shares the "legitimate concerns" of the airline's flight attendants about the new policy. Allowing small knives to be carried on board after a ban of more than 11 years "will add little value to the customer security process flow in relation to the additional risk for our cabin staff and customers," Anderson said in the letter, which was obtained by The Associated Press.

"If the purpose is to increase security checkpoint flow, there are much more effective steps we can take together to streamline the security checkpoints with risk-based screening mechanisms," he said.

Delta, based in Atlanta, is the world's second-largest airline. It is the first major airline to join not only flight attendants but also pilots, U.S. air marshals and insurance companies in a burgeoning backlash to the policy. Pistole announced the policy on Tuesday.

Airlines for America, a trade association representing major U.S. airlines, has been supportive of TSA without explicitly endorsing the policy.

"We support the TSA's approach of combining its vast experience with billions of passenger screenings with thorough risk-based assessments," Jean Medina, a spokeswoman

for the association, said in response to a request Friday for the association's position.

Anderson cited only small knives in his letter. The policy, which goes into effect April 25, will also allow passengers to include in their

There has been a gradual easing of some of the security measures applied to airline passengers after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. The new policy conforms U.S. security standards to international standards and allows the TSA to

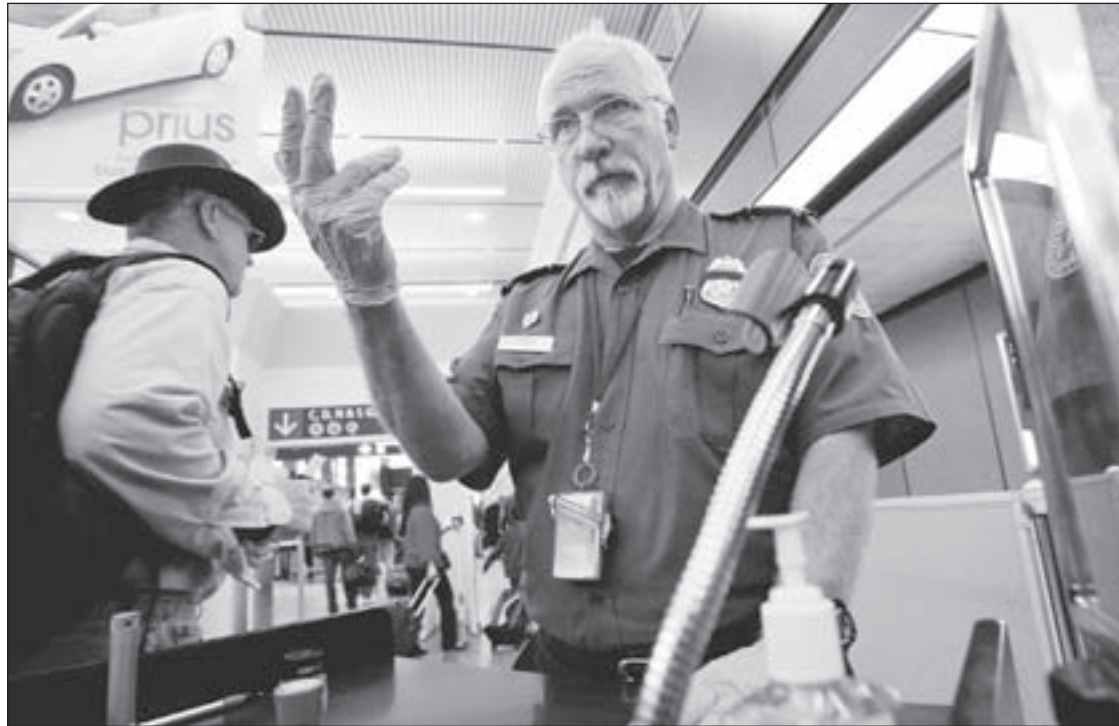
concentrate its energies on more serious safety threats, the agency said when it announced the change this week. The policy change was based on a recommendation from an internal TSA working group, which decided the items repre-

sented no real danger, the agency has said.

TSA has said the presence on flights of gun-carrying pilots traveling as passengers, federal air marshals and airline crew members trained in self-defense provide additional layers of security to protect against misuse of the newly allowed items.

Not all flights, however, have federal air marshals or armed pilots onboard.

The Flight Attendants Union Coalition, representing nearly 90,000 flight attendants, said Thursday it is coordinating a nationwide legislative and public education campaign to reverse the policy. A petition posted by the flight attendants on the White House's "We the People" website had nearly 12,000 signatures late Friday urging the administration to tell the TSA to keep knives off planes. "The continued ban on dangerous objects is an integral layer in aviation security and must remain in place," the coalition, which is made up of five unions, said in a statement. □



**TSA officer Robert Howard signals an airline passenger forward at a security checkpoint at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport in SeaTac, Wash. Flight attendants, pilots, federal air marshals and even insurance companies are part of a growing backlash to the Transportation Security Administration's new policy allowing passengers to carry small knives and sports equipment like souvenir baseball bats and golf clubs onto planes.**

(AP Photo/Elaine Thompson)

carry-on luggage novelty-size baseball bats less than 24 inches (610 millimeters) long, toy plastic bats, billiard cues, ski poles, hockey sticks, lacrosse sticks and two golf clubs. Items like box cutters and razor blades are still prohibited.

Knives permitted under the policy must be able to fold up and have blades that are 2.36 inches (60 millimeters) or less in length and are less than .5 inch (127 millimeter) wide. The policy is aimed at allowing passengers to carry pen knives, corkscrews with small blades and other small knives



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## New Mexico seeks alcohol sales ban for DWI convicts

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For years, New Mexico has had one of the highest rates of alcohol-related traffic deaths in the nation. And in each legislative session, lawmakers wrestle with how to make the state's highways and rural roads safer, usually spurred by the latest horrific accident. This week, an aggressive new bill is being considered that would forbid many people convicted of drunken driving from buying alcohol anywhere — whether stores, restaurants or bars. If it passes, it would be among the most restrictive drunken-driving laws in the nation.

Under a 2005 New Mexico law, people convicted of drunken driving are required to install ignition interlock devices in their vehicles, typically for one year for a first offense. Drivers have to breathe into the device to start the ignition, and it does not allow the car to start if it detects a threshold level of alcohol on the driver's breath.

The current proposal would expand that measure, barring thousands of New Mexicans who are required to have the devices from purchasing alcohol at all. Under the measure, drivers who are now mandated to have interlock devices would be issued a specially marked license indicating that they are prohibited from buying alcohol.

The idea has gained popularity. This week, the measure sailed through the state House of Representatives in a 59-5 vote, and it was scheduled to be taken up by a Senate committee on Friday. □

## Kerry Kennedy fights drugged-driving charge

JIM FITZGERALD  
Associated Press

WHITE PLAINS, New York (AP) — Kerry Kennedy argued Friday that the drugged-driving case against her should be dismissed because she accidentally took a sleeping pill and because the only damage done was to her pride and her famous name.

In a 99-page motion filed in North Castle Town Court, Kennedy and her lawyer also recount her work for social justice and include a large file of glowing letters from friends and relatives. Kennedy is the ex-wife of Gov.

Andrew Cuomo, the daughter of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and the niece of President John Kennedy.

She was arrested July 13 after police said her Lexus swerved into a tractor-trailer on the expressway in North Castle, near her Bedford home. Police found her on an exit ramp and reported she failed sobriety tests and was slurring her speech.

Tests found a small amount of the sleeping drug zolpidem in Kennedy's blood. She said she believes she accidentally took a sleeping pill instead of her daily thyroid medication.

In the motion, she said the two bottles were side by side and "are virtually identical in size, shape and appearance."

"I have too much regard for the lives of others, as well as my own, to place them at risk by driving while under the influence of zolpidem," she wrote in an affidavit.

Kennedy also discussed her work as president of the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights, for Amnesty International and for human rights groups involving Tibet and Northern Ireland.

Her lawyer's affidavit and many letters to the prosecutor praise her as a champion of justice and a good mother to her three daughters.

"Human rights defenders

in need from the tomato fields of Florida to the slums of Port au Prince, the desert of Western Sahara and the still homeless of New Orleans have come to rely on her compassion, keen insight, judgment and support," wrote Kennedy's mother, Ethel Kennedy.

Other letters came from her brothers, sisters and in-laws, several priests and an assistant secretary of state.

Defense lawyer Gerald Lefcourt said a defendant's character can be taken into consideration and added, "By any objective standard, Kerry Kennedy is a uniquely remarkable and selfless woman committed to women's rights and social justice."

He also noted that the assassinations of her uncle and father meant Kennedy "experienced more tragedy by the age of 8 years old than most people experience in a lifetime." □



**Kerry Kennedy's lawyer said in a motion filed Friday, March 8, 2013, that the July 2012, drugged-driving charge against her in New York should be dismissed because it was only by accident that she took a sleeping pill before driving.**  
 (AP Photo/Evan Agostini)

## NY widow convicted of charge servant was illegal

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Associated Press

ALBANY, New York (AP) — A woman who had been charged with cheating an Indian household servant out of hundreds of thousands of dollars in pay and keeping her a virtual prisoner at a mansion was found guilty Friday of knowingly keeping the servant in the country illegally.

Annie George, the widow of a hotelier who died in a plane crash, had said she didn't know Valsamma Mathai was in the United States illegally. She also said she didn't mistreat Mathai during the 5 1/2 years she worked in her home in a suburb of the state capital, Albany.

Mathai had testified that she slept in a closet,

worked long days without vacation, days off or sick time and wasn't allowed to leave the property, a palatial stone mansion on a cliff overlooking the Mohawk River.

Federal prosecutors said George owes Mathai \$317,000, based on the minimum wage and overtime for the hours she worked. Mathai said she was paid only \$26,000, much of which she sent to her family in India.

George was convicted of harboring an illegal immigrant. She faces a penalty of up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine at her July 9 sentencing. She remains free on bail.

A federal jury handed down its decision Friday after deliberating since Thurs-

day afternoon.

The case surfaced when one of Mathai's sons in India, Shiju Mathai, called the National Human Trafficking Resources Center in 2011.

On Thursday, George said a tape recording of a phone call between a woman and Shiju Mathai, which prosecutors played Wednesday, wasn't her voice. She didn't say who she thought the voice belonged to.

On the call, the woman warns Shiju Mathai there could be dire consequences, even jail time, for his mother if she were to tell authorities about working in the United States.

George testified that she was left in desperate financial straits when her husband died in 2009. She

said she knew nothing of his business dealings, including the arrangement to have Valsamma Mathai live with them, because he required her to stick to her duties as his wife and mother of their six children and severely punished her if she tried to make any decisions in the home.

Her late husband, Mathai George, was a native of India who built a hotel and real estate development business in the United States. He was killed along with his 11-year-old son and another man when their private plane crashed after takeoff.

Defense lawyer Mark Sacco, in his closing arguments, said Annie George deferred to her husband on all decisions. □



# US man kills Sportsman Channel host, then kills self

**WHITEFISH, Montana (AP)**

— A man shot and killed the host of the Sportsman Channel show "A Rifleman's Journal" while the TV personality was visiting the shooter's wife, police said Friday.

Wayne Bengston, 41, then beat his wife, took his 2-year-old son to a relative's house and drove to his home about 25 miles (40 kilometers) away, where he apparently killed himself, police said.

Police identified the shooting victim Gregory G. Rodriguez, 43. Bengston's wife told police that Rodriguez was in town on business and visiting her at her mother's house when her

husband showed up Thursday night.

It wasn't clear how Rodriguez and the woman were acquainted.

After the shooting, sheriff's deputies found Bengston's truck parked in his driveway. Efforts by a police SWAT team to contact Bengston inside the house were unsuccessful, and officers found the man's body with an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, police said.

Besides appearing on TV, Rodriguez was the founder and CEO of Global Adventure Outfitters. According to the outfitters' website, he was an editor at Shoot-



Image combination shows Wayne Bengston (L), who shot and killed Gregory Rodriguez (R), the host of the Sportsman Channel show "A Rifleman's Journal" while the TV personality was visiting the shooter's wife.

(AP Photo/Whitefish PD)

ing Times Magazine and a contributing editor at Petersen's Hunting, Guns & Ammo and Dangerous Game.

He was a mortgage banker before founding Global Adventure Outfitters, and he has hunted in 21 countries, the website says.

"A Rifleman's Journal" tracks Rodriguez's hunting travels to exotic locations, according to a Sportsman Channel description.

He has a wife and two children, it says.

A woman who answered the phone at Global Adventure Outfitters Friday confirmed Rodriguez had been in Montana, but said the organization would not be making a statement at the time. □

## Family: Death of woman in lion cage was accident

**G. WOZNIACKA**

**TRACIE CONE**

**Associated Press**

**FRESNO, California (AP)**

— Family members of a 24-year-old intern killed by a lion at a California animal park said Friday they believe the facility followed safety protocols and the death was a tragic accident. Investigators believe the 5-year-old male lion lifted the door of a partially closed feeding cage with its paw and killed Dianna Hanson as she cleaned a bigger enclosure area, Fresno County coroner David Hadden has said.

Family members say they don't believe it was a mauling, but rather a lion's rough play that turned tragic. Dianna Hanson's brother, Paul R. Hanson, also told The Associated Press that his family was relieved the young woman did not suffer after the lion swiped or lunged at her. Hanson died immediately from a broken neck, according to a coroner's autopsy report. Other injuries — including scratches and claw marks — were sustained after her death, the report states.

The investigation was focusing on the cage door that the 550-pound (250-kilogram) animal man-

aged to escape through to reach the volunteer intern, officials say. "The lion had been fed, the young woman was cleaning the large enclosure, and the lion was in the small cage," Hadden said. "The gate of the cage was partially open, which allowed the lion called Cous Cous to lift it up with his paw."

Hadden said the lion then ran at Hanson.

Hanson was talking with a co-worker on a cellphone in the moments before she was killed, the coroner said. The co-worker became concerned when the conversation ended abruptly and Hanson failed to call back. □

The co-worker then called authorities when she went to check on Hanson.

Sheriff's deputies shot Cous Cous after the animal couldn't be coaxed away from Hanson's body.

Hanson had been working for two months as an intern at Cat Haven, a 100-acre (40-hectare) private zoo east of Fresno.

Her father, Paul Hanson, described his daughter as a "fearless" lover of big cats and said her goal was to work with the animals at an accredited zoo. She died doing what she loves, he said. □



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# Government takes legal action over phone spam

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**WASHINGTON** — The Federal Trade Commission said Thursday it had filed eight lawsuits in federal courts around the country against companies it accused of ordering or engineering the sending of hundreds of millions of scam text messages to mobile phone users.

The text messages, which typically promise gift cards to national chain stores or other prizes, are sent to random phone numbers and usually direct recipients to a website where they are asked for personal information, including Social Security numbers, credit card numbers or other data, FTC officials said.

Rarely, if ever, do any consumers receive any actual reward, said C. Steven Baker, the commission's Midwest region director. Instead of fulfilling the promise of prizes, the websites often take consumers through multiple screens asking for more detailed information or getting them to sign up for free trials of



C. Steven Baker, of the Federal Trade Commission, speaks during a news conference in Chicago. The FTC said Thursday that it had filed eight lawsuits in federal courts around the country against companies it accused of ordering or engineering the sending of hundreds of millions of scam text messages to mobile phone users.

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"If any consumer gets that far and actually gets a gift card, it isn't free," Baker said, although he acknowledged the commission was not aware of anyone who had received a promised reward.

Roughly 60 percent of mobile phone users have received one or more spam text messages in the last year, he said, and about 15 percent clicked on the link included in the message.

The companies that send the scam messages frequently change the phone numbers where their spam originates, officials said, making them difficult to track.

The FTC has received at least 50,000 complaints about spam text messages in the last few years, including 20,000 complaints that related to an offer of a free gift. The number of complaints is growing rapidly, however. Baker said

the commission received seven times as many complaints in 2012 as it did in 2011.

Officials advised anyone who receives such a message not to click on any link and not to reply to the message.

In particular, they said, do not text STOP or a similar direction back to the sender, as is often advised, because that lets the sender know the phone number is real. □

## U.S. revokes award for Egyptian woman due to unsavory tweets

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Obama administration has revoked the award it planned to give an Egyptian activist who fought against "virginity tests" on female protesters but whose Twitter account included anti-American and anti-Semitic comments. Spokeswoman Victoria Nu-

land says the State Department won't honor Samira Ibrahim because of the tweets. Some of the tweets praised attacks on U.S. diplomatic installations and against Israeli civilians in Bulgaria. The department named Ibrahim among recipients of a women's award to be presented Friday by Secretary of State

John Kerry and first lady Michelle Obama. But officials said Thursday they needed time to study her Twitter account, which she says was hacked. Ibrahim is defending herself on Twitter, saying she didn't attack any religion. But she refuses to apologize to what she calls the "Zionist lobby in America." □





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## After sanctions vote, 2 Koreas ratchet up attack threats



South Korean army soldiers march during an exercise near the demilitarized zone of Panmunjom in Paju, South Korea, Friday, March 8, 2013. Seven years of U.N. sanctions against North Korea have done nothing to derail Pyongyang's drive for a nuclear weapon capable of hitting the United States.  
(AP Photo/Ahn Young-joon)

**CHOE SANG-HUN**  
**RICK GLADSTONE**  
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**SEOUL, South Korea** – Angrily responding to the U.N. Security Council's unanimous decision to impose tightened sanctions, North Korea said Friday that it was nullifying all nonaggression agreements with South Korea, with one of its top generals claiming that his country had nuclear-tipped intercontinental ballistic missiles ready to blast off.

Matching the harsh warning with a toughened stance, South Korea said Friday that if Pyongyang attacks the South with a nuclear weapon, the regime of the North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, "will be erased from the earth." Such language marked the most hostile exchange between the two Koreas, still technically at war, since they engaged in an artillery skirmish three years ago. The verbal warfare represented a clash of nerves between the young North

Korean leader, who is building his credentials as head of his militaristic country, and Park Geun-hye, South Korea's first female president, who considers the former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher her role model and has stressed security as her top priority.

While weapons experts say North Korea does not have the technical capability to use nuclear-tipped missiles, that did not stop it from warning of their deployment.

"With their targets set, our intercontinental ballistic missiles and other missiles are on a standby, loaded with lighter, smaller and diversified nuclear warheads," said Kang Pyoyong, a three-star general and vice defense minister of North Korea. "If we push the button, they will blast off and their barrage will turn Washington, the stronghold of American imperialists and the nest of evil, and its followers, into a sea of fire."

His comment, made during

a speech before a mass rally in Pyongyang on Thursday, was carried by the North's main party newspaper Rodong Sinmun on Friday. In the last few days, the state-run North Korean media has carried a slew of official remarks threatening to launch "pre-emptive nuclear strikes" at Washington and Seoul with "lighter and smaller nukes," hinting that it has built nuclear warheads small enough to mount on long-range missiles. But U.S. and South Korean officials strongly doubt North Korea has mastered

that technology, despite its successful launching of a long-range rocket in December and its third nuclear test last month. South Korean military officials called the remarks a bluster, designed not so much to threaten Washington as to infuse its population with a sense of both crisis and empowerment as Kim consolidates his grip on North Korea. On its front page, the Rodong newspaper carried a large picture showing North Korea's new generation of mobile missiles. □

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## Berlusconi absent from trial due to eye irritation

**COLLEEN BARRY**  
**Associated Press**

**MILAN (AP)** — Former Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi was being treated Friday in a Milan hospital for inflammation of his eyes that prevented him from attending his sex-for-hire trial. Berlusconi was suffering from bilateral uveitis and could be kept in the hospital overnight, said Dr. Alberto Zangrillo, Berlusconi's personal physician. "Berlusconi had a painful night," Zangrillo told reporters at the San Raffaele hospital, saying the media mogul was suffering from nerve pain, sensitivity to light, tears and vision problems. Berlusconi, 76, skipped a final campaign rally ahead of last month's elections due to another eye condition, posterior vitreous detachment, which is common among the elderly and involves a gel-like sub-

stance in the eye pulling away from the retina. Berlusconi's legal team, meanwhile, cited the medical condition as a legitimate impediment to a hearing in the sensational trial charging Berlusconi with having paid for sex with a Moroccan teen and using his influence to cover it up. The court accepted the petition after deliberating for several hours, over the objections of prosecutor Ilda Boccassini who was scheduled to complete her closing arguments in the case and who asked the court to send independent doctors to confirm Berlusconi's illness. Defendants in Italy aren't required to appear in court, but can petition to delay a hearing for legitimate reasons preventing their attendance. Berlusconi's defense also submitted a petition to de-

lay a hearing Saturday in Berlusconi's appeals trial for his tax fraud conviction. He was sentenced to four years in October. Prosecu-



Former Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi massages his eyes during speech in Rome.

ners and talks on forming a new government aren't expected to begin until March 20, after Parliament convenes next week and

second to the center-left alliance of Pier Luigi Bersani, who is expected to be tapped as premier. In another case, Berlusconi on Thursday was convicted of breach of confidentiality and sentenced to one year in jail for the publication in 2005 of wiretapped conversations related to an attempted bank takeover. He also is being investigated in Naples for allegedly having paid €3 million (\$3.9 million) to a lawmaker to defect to his party, a move that significantly weakened the former government of Romano Prodi. Prodi was heard by prosecutors on Friday in the case, according to Italian news reports. □

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tors are seeking to confirm the sentence, which includes a five-year ban on holding public office. Both the sex-for-hire and tax fraud cases are nearing verdicts at a particularly sensitive time politically for Italy. February elections produced no clear win-

leaders of both houses are elected. Berlusconi's center-right coalition finished

## Fitch downgrades Italy on election uncertainty

**MILAN (AP)** — Fitch Ratings Agency on Friday downgraded Italy's credit rating to BBB+ from A- with a warning of a further downgrade, citing the uncertainty created by February's inconclusive elections. Fitch said the failure to come up with a clear winner makes "it unlikely that a stable new government can be formed in the next few weeks," thereby harming prospects of further reforms. The rating agency said Italy's recession was one of the deepest in Europe, with an expected contraction of 1.8 percent in 2013. Fitch added that the size of the country's debt as a proportion of its economy is expected to peak at 130

percent this year, higher than an earlier estimate of 125 percent. Talks on forming a new government aren't expected to begin before March 20. The Italian Finance Ministry responded with a statement highlighting the positives in the Italian economy, including a public sector deficit of 3 percent of GDP last year, and noting that the political uncertainty "is part of a normal democratic process." The ministry expressed confidence in Italy's ability to find political solutions and "therefore continue the ongoing reform process." It noted that Premier Mario Monti's caretaker government remains in place in the meantime. □

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## Kenya presidential candidate hovers near 50 pct

**JASON STRAZIUSO**  
**Associated Press**

**NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)** —

The leading candidate in Kenya's presidential election, Uhuru Kenyatta, saw his percentage of the vote yo-yo just below the 50 percent mark early Saturday, a race too tight to call with only a few votes outstanding. The election commission said just after midnight that it would announce final results at 11 a.m. Kenya time, an announcement that ended any concerns of overnight violence by supporters of a losing candidate.

A win by Kenyatta could greatly affect Kenya's relations with the West because the candidate faces charges at the International Criminal Court for his alleged role in directing some of Kenya's 2007 postelection violence. The U.S. and other nations may

scale back ties to the East African nation if he becomes president.



**An armed policeman stands guard, right, as unidentified Kenyans peer through the window of the media centre to watch constituency results being announced live on a television inside, at the National Election Center in Nairobi, Kenya Friday, March 8, 2013. Kenya faced a photo finish in its race for president on Friday as the last ballots were counted, with the leading candidate Uhuru Kenyatta seeing his percentage yo-yo around the crucial 50 percent mark.**

(AP Photo/Ben Curtis)

The last tally posted early Saturday showed Kenyatta, the deputy prime min-

ister, with 49.71 percent of the vote with 98 percent of locations — 285 of 291

— tabulated. Kenyatta had bounced as high as 51 percent Friday night as the

election commission updated returns.

Electoral expert Tom Wolf, a research analyst with the polling firm Ipsos Synovate, told The Associated Press that the late votes coming in from Kenya's Rift Valley were a "very abundant vote basket" for Kenyatta. His running mate, William Ruto, who faces similar ICC charges, is from the Rift.

"On a scale of zero to 10, it seems to be about a seven or eight that he'll probably just get over" the 50 percent mark, said Wolf. "I would be a little bit more surprised if he didn't get over 50 than if he did, but neither one on the face of it would be a complete surprise." The other leading candidate is Prime Minister Raila Odinga. His cam-

paign manager, Eliud Owalo, told AP late Friday that the prime minister's team believes there will be a run-off. If Odinga loses, his camp will likely launch a legal challenge. Odinga had 43.5 percent of the vote in Friday's last tally.

Odinga's camp abruptly called a news conference late Friday and just as abruptly rescheduled it for after the announcement of final results.

Despite the Odinga optimism, a Western election observer said the international community was forming a consensus around the belief Kenyatta was likely to win outright. The observer spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss internal diplomatic talks. □

## Police strikes in Egypt accelerating

**MAGGIE MICHAEL**  
**Associated Press**

**CAIRO (AP)** — After months of battling with angry young protesters, many in Egypt's police forces say they have had enough.

Strikes and protests spread around the country Friday by police units frustrated with being blamed for deadly crackdowns on protesters and accusing Islamist President Mohamed Morsi of using them to fight his enemies. In at least 10 of the country's 29 provinces, some units sealed their stations with chains, some calling for the removal of their boss, the interior minister, appointed by Morsi.

In past days, angry riot police locked their top commander in their camp for hours. Others refused to be

deployed in clashes with street protesters in Nile Delta cities. Police disobeyed orders to secure Morsi's motorcade route from his palace to his home in eastern Cairo, to guard his family home in the Delta, or to guard the headquarters of his Muslim Brotherhood in the capital.

The wave of police discontent adds a new layer to Egypt's turmoil and sense of breakdown in state institutions. In a sign of the possible repercussions of the disarray, a hardline Islamist group announced its members would take up policing duties in the southern province of Assiut because of strikes by local security forces. Since late January, cities around the country have been hit by relentless street protests, mainly

directed against Morsi and the Brotherhood. Near daily, the demonstrations have turned into clashes with police, resulting in the killing of around 70 protesters. Each death has increased public anger against the security forces. Some protests have turned into stone-throwing attacks on security agency buildings, and many protesters accuse Morsi of giving a green light to police to use excessive force. Their outrage has been further stoked by reports of torture and abduction of some activists by security agents. Not all police were joining the strikes. Protesters continued to clash Friday with riot police in Cairo, the Mediterranean city of Alexandria and the Nile Delta city of Mahalla el-Kubra, leaving dozens injured. □



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# Wealthy Venezuelans shedding no tears for Chavez

**E. EDUARDO CASTILLO**  
**Associated Press**  
**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)**

— In the tree-lined eastern hills of Caracas, you would never know an elaborate state funeral was in progress across town for the most popular president in Venezuela's recent history. At a park in the La Floresta district Friday, spandex-clad men and women did group aerobics and jogged, while others sat lounging on benches. No

one had any intention of paying their respects to "El Comandante." Hugo Chavez polarized Venezuela between the mostly lower classes who followed him almost blindly during his 14 years in power and an opposition that despised what they said was his autocratic bearing, intolerance for dissent and mismanagement of the economy. "This is a big joke," Eduardo Perez, a 44-year-old lawyer,

said of the funeral pomp across town. "I feel ridiculous as a Venezuelan."v "We can't be so radical as to say he didn't accomplish anything, but when you consider matters in macro terms you grasp that we are in bad shape," Perez said as he tinkered with the engine of his Ford Explorer. In La Castellana, another wealthy neighborhood of the capital, Oscar Carreno spent Friday morning walking his schnauzer,

with no plans to watch the funeral on TV. The 23-year-old economist said he saw Chavez, a former paratrooper, as a divisive figure who had torn the country asunder politically. "His style was to cast aspersions on former governments," said Carreno. "That's what he emphasized." Carreno acknowledged Chavez was a master politician and survivor, and said he hoped the president's death would

be an opening for new faces and a new direction. Back in La Floresta, Cesar Alvarez sat on a bench reading the newspaper. The 62-year-old elevator company executive said he has hopes for a better future now that Chavez is gone. "The man did a lot of damage, because he always tried to win over the masses and indeed this is a very populist government that gives things away to the people, passing out money without any work being done."

On Alvarez's list of complaints about Chavez: "He practically kept Cuba afloat. And Bolivia — you see (President) Evo Morales there, crying like a baby because he got money. And Nicaragua, let's not even go there."

Cuba and Nicaragua have both benefited from cut-rate Venezuelan oil while Chavez also gave significant aid to Bolivia.

Morales spent all of Wednesday, the day after Chavez's death was announced, walking beside his friend's casket through Caracas' streets.

Vice President Nicolas Maduro announced Thursday that Chavez would be embalmed, his body placed on permanent display.

Alvarez said Maduro and the others Chavez put in charge to carry out his work need to keep the late leader in the public's mind to "capitalize on his image ... because each and every one of them, on merits, isn't worth a thing."

Maduro, Chavez's anointed successor, was to be sworn in later Friday as acting president in a ceremony opposition lawmakers promised to boycott. They argue that the constitution says the speaker of the National Assembly should assume the presidency temporarily while a presidential election is called.

The expected opposition candidate, Henrique Capriles, won 45 percent of the votes in the Oct. 7 presidential election. Chavez won, of course. With 56 percent. □



Cinder block homes in Caracas' poor Petare neighborhood are seen back dropped by high rise apartments and offices in Caracas, Venezuela. Venezuela's late President Hugo Chavez polarized Venezuela between the mostly lower classes during his 14 years in power and an opposition that despised what they said was his autocratic bearing, intolerance for dissent and mismanagement of the economy.

(AP Photo/Leslie Mazoch)

## Congressmen investigate brothel at dam site

**STAN LEHMAN**  
**Associated Press**  
**SAO PAULO (AP)** — A congressional panel in Brazil has summoned directors of a company building a huge dam in the heart of the Amazon rain forest to explain the alleged presence of a brothel where women were forced to work in slave-like conditions, a spokesman for the lawmakers said Friday. Vicente Bezerra, press ad-

viser to the president of the panel, Congressman Arnaldo Jordy, said directors of the Belo Monte Construction Consortium have been called to "explain how a brothel could operate inside the area where the dam is being built." They are expected to be questioned within the next two weeks. "There is no way the Belo Monte Construction Consortium did not know of the

existence of the brothel," Bezerra said, adding that to reach the brothel, investigators passed through an area with signposts indicating the land belonged to the consortium. Bezerra said 18 women and one teenage girl worked in slave-like conditions in the brothel that was recently dismantled by police. "The women were lured from to the region from all over Brazil with promises of

a good jobs and high pay," he said. "But when they got there they were forced to work as prostitutes." The teenager escaped the brothel a few weeks ago and alerted the police, he said. "We will certainly send directors to speak to the panel," said consortium press officer Fernando Santana. "We have done nothing wrong nor do we have anything to hide." □





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but in 1963 the company started producing wines in Monterey, where 90 percent of the American wines now come from. In the 1980's sparkling wines became best sellers and soon the opening of a fabulous restaurant on the property and a series of summertime concerts followed to make a great impression, as did the 18-hole championship golf course, which opened in 1998.

Wente Vineyards dates back to 1883 – it is a family-owned and -run company, which early on broke with tradition by printing the name of the grape variety on the label instead of printing the name of the French region that the grape came from. During the Prohibition (1919- 1933) there was pitifully little demand for wines – the government only allowed wine growers to produce wines for religious purposes. That is when the Wente



fanatic, so that there is always a lot of shoptalk during the day of golf and he tells about the family's legacy: the Wente Vineyards property covers 867 soccer fields, a whopping 1214 hectares in the Livermore Valley and in Monterey, California. Wente Vineyards pledge is to grow grapes 'the green way', which means optimal use of the water supply and biodiversity in agriculture. The company has also embraced the non-profit Code of Sustainable Winegrowing Practices organization in an effort to focus on the best way to grow wines for the long run.



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the good cause that has been chosen.

This year Koningin Wilhelmina Fonds (KWF), in particular the transportation of cancer patients, is the beneficiary of the event, which is held at Tierra del Sol on Saturday, March 23. Organizer Arion Wine Company, representing Wente Vineyards on Aruba, is already in full swing to get many sponsors and golfers enthusiastically signing up. There is no doubt that there will be a full house at Tierra del Sol on March 23: be quick to register. One of the regulars at the tournament is fourth-generation Eric Wente, who has been playing in 'his' event since its first edition. Eric is teamed up with a local Wente Vineyards



family started growing wheat and grains and when it planted olive trees for oil and medicinal purposes.

But back to the tournament: Arion Wine Company, representing Wente Vineyard wines among others, is proud to host such a successful annual event on the island. Owner and vinologist Govert van der Hout and his excellent team yearly pull off a wonderful charity happening that everyone is talking about. And for the good causes that have been fortunate enough to be selected: the cheques have always been super welcome. The winners of the Wente Vineyards & Papiamento Restaurant Golf Tournament receive a trip to Wente Vineyards – it is a prize that every golfer dreams of winning: one plays 18 holes amidst the vines. How cool is that? ☐



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Tiger Woods waits to hit from the third tee during the second round of the Cadillac Championship golf tournament Friday, March 8, 2013, in Doral, Fla.

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## More birdies for Tiger, and the lead at Doral

**DOUG FERGUSON**

AP Golf Writer

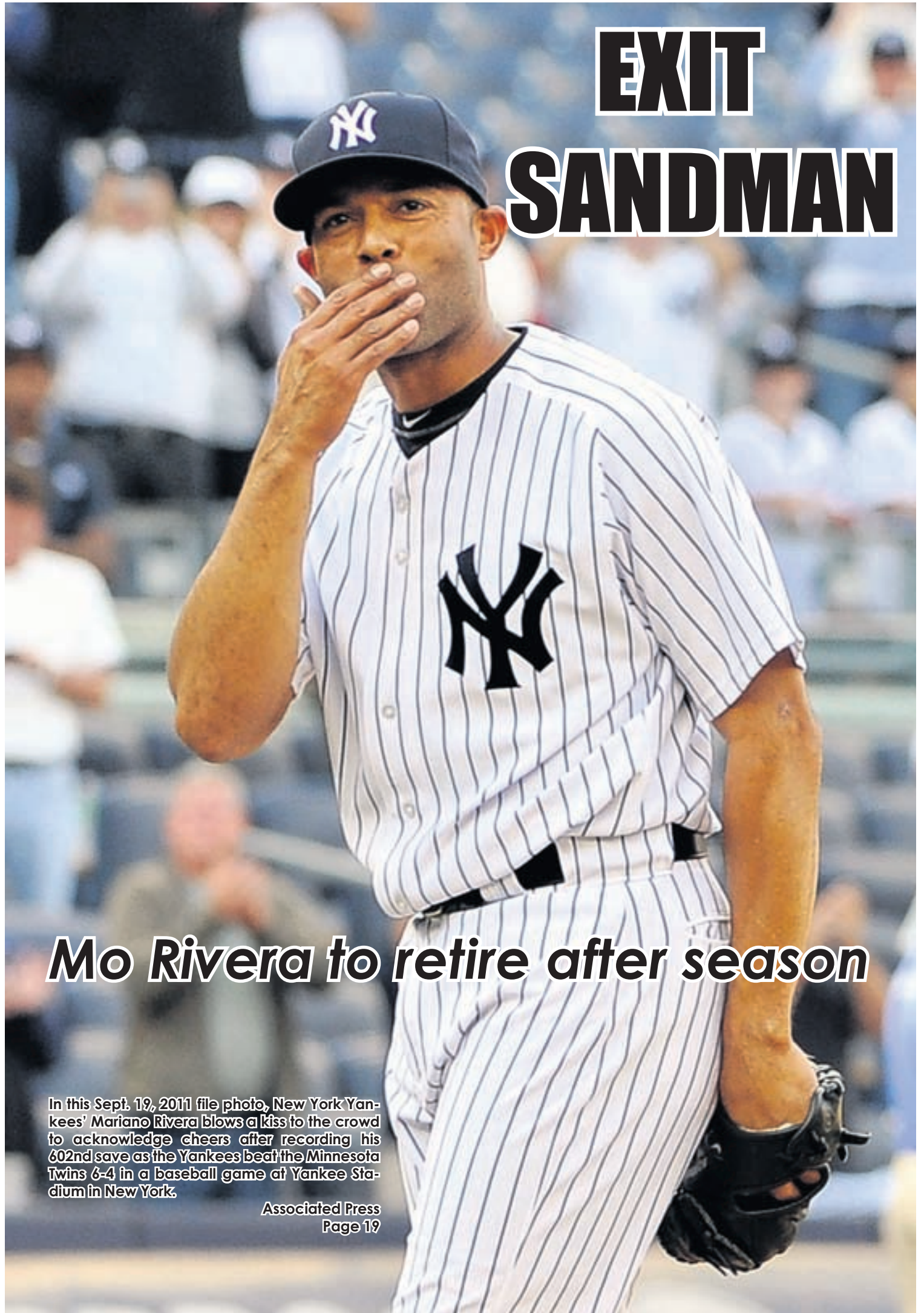
**DORAL, Fla. (AP)** -- Tiger Woods set a personal-best with 17 birdies over two rounds on the Blue Monster. What mattered more to him was a two-shot lead going into the weekend at the Cadillac Championship.

In a World Golf Championship with golf's biggest names in the hunt, Woods began to pull away with six birdies in an eight-hole stretch around the turn in a clean, crisp exhibition Friday at Doral. That sent him to a 7-under 65, two shots clear of former U.S. Open champion Graeme McDowell, who had a 67.

All it took was one shot for Woods.

After a scrappy session on the range, and failing to birdie the easy opening hole, Woods laced a 4-iron on the 239-yard fourth hole that caught ridge and rolled to tap-in range. His big run ended with another 4-iron, high and soft, on the 224-yard 13th hole.

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# EXIT SANDMAN

## Mo Rivera to retire after season

In this Sept. 19, 2011 file photo, New York Yankees' Mariano Rivera blows a kiss to the crowd to acknowledge cheers after recording his 602nd save as the Yankees beat the Minnesota Twins 6-4 in a baseball game at Yankee Stadium in New York.

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## NBA Roundup

# Nuggets win seventh straight, rout Clippers 107-92

**DENVER (AP)** — The Denver Nuggets routed the surging Los Angeles Clippers 107-92, riding 21 points from Ty Lawson and 20 from Danilo Gallinari to their 12th straight home win in the NBA on Thursday.

Seven Nuggets scored in double figures as Denver won its seventh straight overall and improved to 27-3 at home, tied with the Miami Heat for best in the league. Lawson also had 11 assists.

Despite 19 points from Matt Barnes and 17 from Blake Griffin, the Clippers' five-game road winning streak came to an end.

More importantly, they lost the season series to the Nuggets 2-1, a tiebreaker that could come into play if Denver can catch them for the third seed in the Western Conference playoffs. Right now, the Nuggets are in fifth, behind Memphis.

Chris Paul had 16 points and 10 assists for Los Angeles.

A bucket by Griffin, who was coming off his third career triple-dou-



**New York Knicks' James White, left, defends Oklahoma City Thunder's Kevin Durant during the first half of an NBA basketball game Thursday, March 7, 2013, in New York.**  
Associated Press

ble, gave the Clippers a 60-59 lead before the Nuggets scored 20 of the next 24 points to grab control. Thunder 95, Knicks 94

At Madison Square Garden, Kevin Durant scored 34 points for Oklahoma City, including the go-ahead free throws with 1:38 left to help

beat the New York Knicks 95-94.

Russell Westbrook struggled over the final three quarters but finished with 21 points, six rebounds and five assists in the Thunder's first trip to New York since 2010. Durant also had eight boards and six assists.

Oklahoma City posted its third straight win, fighting off a spirited effort by a Knicks team missing Carmelo Anthony.

The All-Star forward missed his second straight game with what the Knicks said is a stiff and sore right knee.

J.R. Smith scored a season-high 36 points for New York, but missed a turnaround jumper that would have won it as time ran out.

"We've been hurt on those game-winners a couple of times this year and we didn't want that to happen again," Durant said.

"So we just had to lock in and get a stop."

Neither team led by more than two points over the final 10½ minutes. Durant scored 12 in the final period. □

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# AP source: Rivera plans to retire after 2013



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## BEN WALKER

### AP Baseball Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The great Mariano Rivera is getting set to close his career.

The New York Yankees reliever plans to announce this weekend that he will retire after this season, a person familiar with the decision told The Associated Press on Thursday.

The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because there was no official statement. A news conference was called for Saturday at the Yankees' spring training complex in Tampa, Florida.

The 43-year-old closer is Major League Baseball's saves leader with 608. He is regarded as one of the best closing pitchers ever, posting a record 42 playoff saves with an 0.70 ERA while helping the Yankees win five World Series championships.

"Greatest closer of all time. No question in my mind," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "I've had the thrill of catching him. I was there when he really burst onto the scene as a dominant setup man and then to see what he did as a closer has been a thrill for

me.

"At times it seemed like it wasn't fair. That's how good Mo was. He was so dominant." Rivera missed most of last season after he tore a ligament in his right knee during practice in May. Rivera returned home to Panama this week for a personal matter, and was expected to rejoin the team on Saturday.

Hank Steinbrenner declined to say what would be announced at Saturday's news conference. But the Yankees co-chairman said he would like Rivera to remain involved with the team when he does end his playing career.

Minus Rivera, the Yankees still won the American League East last year with Rafael Soriano moving into the closer's role. Soriano left after the season as a free agent and signed with Washington. "A lot of people over the years have asked, especially when I go back to Japan, 'Who is the guy that you don't want to face, or the toughest guy to face?'" Yankees outfielder Ichiro Suzuki said through a translator. "He was probably the guy who would come up at the top

of my list.

"To have the success that he's had, there's been nobody who has had this much success and there will be nobody in the future that has this much success with one pitch," Ichiro said. "Pitchers obviously try to throw to places that hitters will have a hard time hitting, placing the ball where a hitter doesn't want to have it thrown. But Mariano would just throw to where you are waiting for the pitch and you still can't hit it."

Rivera is the only — and last — big leaguer who wears No. 42. The number was retired in 1997 in tribute to Jackie Robinson, although players who had the number at the time were allowed to keep it. □

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# Devils rally for 3-2 win, end 6-game slide

**The Associated Press**

**NEWARK, New Jersey (AP)**

— David Clarkson and Patrik Elias scored in a shootout and the New Jersey Devils rallied from a late two-goal deficit to defeat the Buffalo Sabres 3-2 on Thursday night, snapping a season-high six game winless streak.

Elias and Adam Henrique got the Devils to the overtime, scoring in the final 6 1/2 minutes, with Elias tying the game on a rebound with 66 seconds left in regulation.

Thomas Vanek and rookie Brian Flynn staked Buffalo to a 2-0 lead, with Vanek tallying his team-high 13th goal of the season on a second-period power play, and Flynn getting the first of his career midway through the third period.

Johan Hedberg made 23 saves and stopped both Sabres shootout attempts for New Jersey.

After Ilya Kovalchuk and Vanek missed on the first two shootout attempts, Clarkson made a nifty

move to beat Ryan Miller with a backhand.

Pominville seemed to miss the net on the Sabres' second try and Elias deked Miller out of position for a tap-in game winner.

Capitals 7, Panthers 1  
WASHINGTON (AP) — John Erskine, Wojtek Wolski, John Carlson and Mike Ribeiro all scored before the game was 8½ minutes old, and the Capitals climbed out of a tie for last in the Eastern Conference.

Florida's Jacob Markstrom allowed two goals on two shots and was pulled after 3 minutes, 10 seconds — the fastest yanking of an NHL goalie for something other than an injury in more than a year, according to STATS LLC. Markstrom's replacement, Scott Clemmensen, didn't fare much better, giving up two goals in the first six shots.

Alex Ovechkin had two assists during that early run and added a power-play goal later.

Rangers 2, Islanders 1, OT  
UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) —



**Buffalo Sabres' Mike Weber, left, checks New Jersey Devils' David Clarkson up against the glass during the first period of an NHL hockey game Thursday, March 7, 2013, in Newark, N.J.**

**Associated Press**

Marian Gaborik scored a power-play goal 42 seconds into overtime. Gaborik took a feed in the high slot from Rick Nash, who got the Rangers even at 1 with 5:23 left in regulation, and fired in a shot for his eighth of the season and first in nine games.

The Rangers got their third power play of the night —

the only advantages for either team — when Michael Del Zotto was hauled down as he crashed in on Islanders goalie Evgeni Nabokov 21 seconds into the extra session.

Gaborik's goal stretched the Rangers' winning streak to a season-high four games and ended the Islanders' winning run at

two.

Henrik Lundqvist made 27 saves for the win. Nabokov stopped 35 in a tough-luck loss.

Penguins 5, Flyers 4

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Chris Kunitz scored his second goal just 18 seconds into the third period to cap a four-goal rally. Pascal Dupuis, James Neal and Tyler Kennedy also scored goals for the Atlantic Division-leading Penguins, who won their third straight game.

Jakub Voracek had two power-play goals, Zac Rinaldo and Kimmo Timonen also scored for the Flyers, who blew a 4-1 lead after the first period.

Both starting goalies — Philadelphia's Ilya Bryzgalov and Pittsburgh's Marc-Andre Fleury — were pulled after allowing four goals. Scott Hartnell had his tying goal disallowed near the midpoint of the third period because his stick was above the crossbar when he deflected Timonen's shot into the net. □

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Those par 3s ranked as the toughest two holes in the second round, and he birdied them both.

The 17 birdies beat his previous best of 16 birdies in the 1999 Byron Nelson Classic. Asked what that meant, Woods smiled and replied, "It left me a two-shot lead."

Woods was at 13-under 131. A birdie-birdie finish by McDowell prevented a dream final group for the weekend at Doral - Woods and longtime nemesis Phil Mickelson. Mickelson, sparked by a visit to Augusta National earlier in the week, hit a 9-iron that stopped inches from dropping for a hole-in-one on the par-3 ninth. He had a 67 and was three shots behind, along with Steve Stricker (67).

Rory McIlroy showed signs of turning the corner with a 69, although he ended with a sloppy three-putt bogey. It was his first round under par this year, a small



**Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland, hits from a 5th hole bunker during the second round of the Cadillac Championship golf tournament Friday, March 8, 2013, in Doral, Fla.**

**Associated Press**

consolation for the world's No. 1 player. He was still 11 shots behind Woods.

Woods, who once owned these WGCs, has not won the last 10 he's played. But after a key putting tip from Stricker on Wednesday afternoon, Woods looks as comfortable as ever on a Blue Monster course where he has won three times.

"It's going to be tough to catch him," Stricker said. "We all know when he gets out in front, he's tough to catch and tough to beat.

Looks like he's playing well. Looks like all parts of his game are working. Yeah, he's going to be tough to catch."

The toughest part of the weekend might be the Blue Monster. The greens already are firm and crusty under a week of sunshine and dry air. Woods, McDowell and most everyone else expects it to only get worse. "I guess they can let this place go since they're going to tear it up on Monday," McDowell said.

Donald Trump, who bought the resort a year ago, plans a big makeover on the Blue Monster with construction to start right after the tournament. If that's the case, it could be reminiscent of Bay Hill a year ago, where Woods outlasted McDowell on the final day.

"It basically was a U.S. Open that broke out in Orlando," Woods said.

"We don't get too many opportunities where the weather cooperates, where they can push the golf course to a point where it's pretty tough like that."

Not that he would mind. Woods has thrived on the toughest courses over the years, one reason he has 14 majors. "It would be fun," he said.

More fun is being atop the leaderboard, especially on a course where Woods has a history of winning. He has a 35-10 record when he has at least a share of the 36-hole lead, though he is only 2-2 in the last year. Those events he failed to

win were the U.S. Open and PGA Championship. The star from Northern Ireland this year has been McDowell, who won the World Challenge at the end of last year at Sherwood and hasn't missed much of a beat since returning from a 10-week break. He lost in the quarterfinals of the Match Play Championship, and tied for ninth in the Honda Classic.

Making up a two-shot deficit to Woods is never easy, though McDowell holds one distinction.

He is the only player to make up more than two shots to Woods in the final round, rallying from four down at Sherwood in 2010. "Tomorrow is not about winning the golf tournament. Tomorrow is about maintaining position, maintaining the way I'm playing and trying to give myself a chance come Sunday afternoon," McDowell said. "It doesn't really matter who I'm playing with tomorrow. Tiger always brings his own interesting little circus inside the ropes. □





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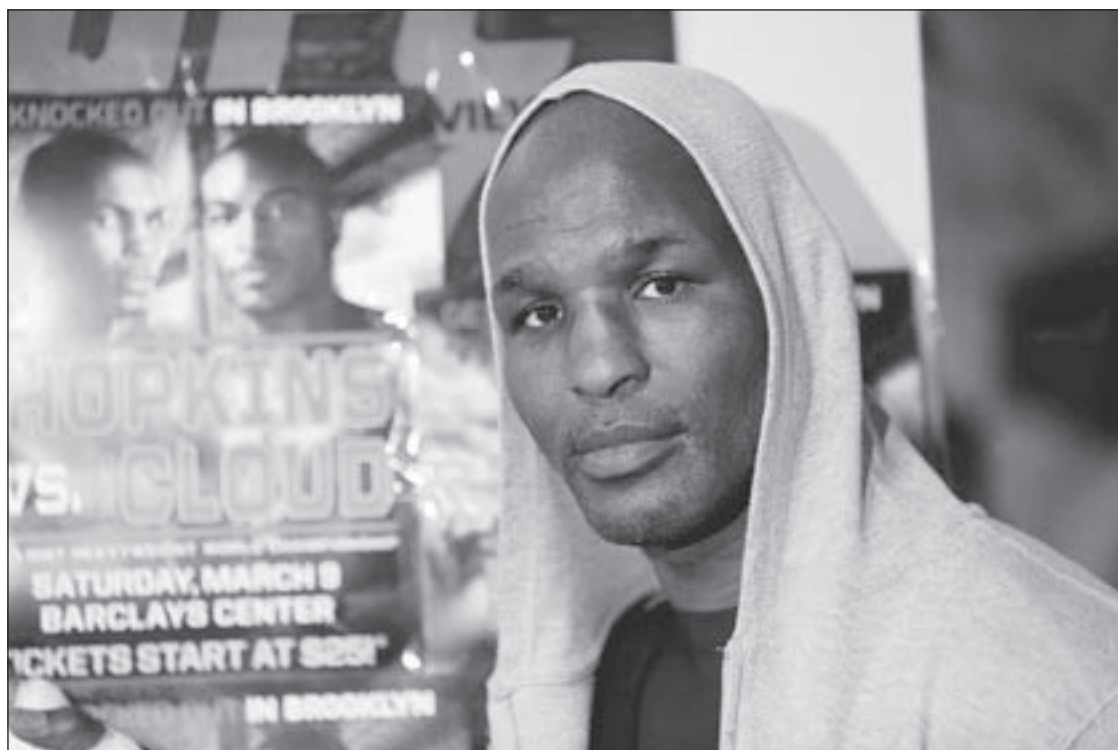
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## At 48, Hopkins still chasing championship history

By DAN GELSTON  
AP Sports Writer

FILE - In this Feb. 19, 2013 file photo, boxer Bernard Hopkins poses during a media workout session in Philadelphia. At 48, Hopkins is not only still fighting, ... PHILADELPHIA (AP) -- Bernard Hopkins is more grill master than grill pitchman, willing to fire it up for hunks of organic chicken or fresh salmon. Maybe some buffalo. When he's not always cooking his own meals, Hopkins shifts interests toward tasteful decor. He keeps his eyes peeled - and behind Prada glasses - for the latest trends in interior decorating so he can spruce up his Philadelphia condo or other properties. "I've sort of got an eye for nice things," he said. And that's a good thing. Because Hopkins can land another accessory that he can't buy at Whole Foods or charge at a swanky retail store. At 48, Hopkins is not only still fighting, he's trying to break his own record as the oldest boxer to win a major championship. His longevity is legendary in a sport that can chew up and knock out the best long before 40, or, at worst, leave an aging prize fighter a battered shell of his prime. His 63rd career pro bout ahead, Hopkins has no interest in growing into another sad statistic. He vows he'll leave the sport the same way he's spent his career - on his feet and on top. At some point, Hopkins will retire. He has to, right? He'll get beat bad and go out with critics howling he hung on too long or win a belt and quit as an I-told-you-so champion. Either way, Hopkins will eventually decide it's time to hang up the gloves. Hop-

kins will not fight until he's collecting Social Security. Then again, Hopkins heard the calls to retire at 40. And at 45. The years go on. Yet, here he is, still eschewing booze, desserts and any desire to retire on anyone's terms but his own. Hopkins will try to prove he's still championship material when he fights undefeated Tavoris Cloud (24-0, 19 KOs) for a piece of the 175-pound light heavyweight title Saturday night at Barclays Center in New York. Hopkins dethroned George Foreman as the oldest boxer to win a world title when he beat Jean Pascal in 2011. Foreman was 45 years, 10 months when he knocked out heavyweight champion Michael Moorer in 1994. Hopkins was 46 years, 4 months and 6 days in his bout with Pascal. Hopkins hasn't fought since he dropped the WBC light heavyweight title in a majority decision to Chad Dawson in April 2012. One more loss, and Hopkins could find title fights and premium cable network bouts dry up as a new generation of fighters - like fellow Philadelphian Danny Garcia - take charge. "I know my performance is going to make some people happy," Hopkins said, "and it's going to make some people wish I'd get out of the way." Hopkins has never been about glitz and knockout power, but of crafting a disciplined career straight from the pages of March Madness. Survive and advance. Never a stylistically crowd-pleasing fighter, Hopkins hasn't knocked out an opponent since Oscar De La Hoya in September 2004 - 14 fights ago. His bouts have been decided by decision since,



In this Feb. 19, 2013 file photo, boxer Bernard Hopkins poses during a media workout session in Philadelphia. At 48, Hopkins is not only still fighting, he's trying to break his own record as the older boxer to win a major championship.

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except for a draw in the first Jean Pascal fight in 2010 and an ugly no-contest in the first Dawson fight. So why keep fighting? Why not retire? Hopkins will answer some form of that question more times in a news conference than all his fights over a decade. He has no shortage of answers for why he's facing Cloud, from money ("I'm just getting what was there years ago, but they gave to James Toney and Roy Jones.") to finishing off faded promoter Don King's dwindling stable ("I've made a career off his guys.") to proving he's still the ferocious competitor of a decade ago when he successfully defended his middleweight title a whopping 20 straight times ("It takes away from my legacy when I don't win."). Hopkins was convicted at age 17 of robbery and assault, and spent nearly five years in prison. That time

behind bars in the 1980s gave him more reason to want to exercise his freedoms - like the right to decide his immediate future - whenever he pleases. Oddly, one more championship belt around his waist is mostly an afterthought. "I've got 11 belts at home in the trophy case I can look at if I need to look at belts," he said. "It's a trophy. It represents something. But right now, I'm not bigger than boxing, but I'm bigger than belts." Hopkins has never been stopped, but Cloud could be the fighter who earns that awaited KO against the man better known in the ring as B-Hop. Nazim Richardson, Hopkins' long-time trainer, favorably compared Cloud's punching power to Antonio Tarver and Felix Trinidad. Hopkins, naturally, beat both of those fighters. Richardson said the only time he ever advised Hopkins to retire

was after the Tarver win in 2006, not because of fading skills, but to build on the legacy his star fighter talks so often about preserving. "I thought if he left then, anybody who left on sports on top, it'd be called, 'The B-Hop,'" Richardson said. "I thought, 'The B-Hop' would be called leaving on top of the sport." Hopkins is opening his wallet to keep former heavyweight champion Joe Frazier's name on top of the Philly sports scene. Hopkins has pledged to pay the balance on a fundraising effort to place a statue of Frazier at Xfinity Live, an entertainment complex near Philadelphia's three sports stadiums. Lawyer Richard Hayden, who represents Xfinity Live, has been scouting locations on the site and said the \$150,000 needed for the statue, plus a maintenance fund, is close to completion. □



# Deer antler extract and Menopause: Go figure!

Dr. Melanie Bone

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WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.

-- Last week I was fortunate enough to be asked to address the Executive Women's Day at the Honda Classic. My topic was health. I firmly believe that happiness is perhaps the most important component of health. And, good health engenders happiness.

Minx Boren, a life coach and a highly accomplished professional, shared with me that it takes hope and resilience to be healthy. This makes complete sense because hope and resilience translate into happiness. Diet and exercise go a long way toward maintaining our bodies, but taking care of our emotional and psychological well-being can be far more challenging.

When I opened the floor to questions, the first one stumped me. It was from a woman who made a decision not to take hormone replacement therapy after menopause. Suffering from symptoms of menopause, she came upon deer antler extract. For her, it is the answer. She no longer has hot flashes and her mood and energy are better than before menopause.

So what is deer antler extract (DAE)? Deer antlers have three parts: the tips, middle and base. The tips are soft and covered by a velvety substance that contains the substance called deer antler extract. The tips are harvested and the DAE is formulated into a powder, spray or liquid. Done correctly, this will not damage the deer. The deer will regenerate the tip. DAE has been used by Chinese herbalists for centuries to treat a multitude of complaints ranging from growth restriction to muscle weakness to low testosterone and its consequences.

Once ingested, DAE supposedly delivers IGF-1, or

insulin-like growth factor 1, to target cells. DAE is known to mimic human growth hormone (HGH). HGH and IGF-1 are both banned substances in most professional athletic circles. Why? Because they have androgenic properties, meaning they build muscle mass and boost testosterone.

Ray Lewis of the Baltimore Ravens used DAE from a company called SWATS (Sports with Alternatives to Steroids) to hasten his recovery from a torn triceps. Lewis claims he has never tested positive for a banned substance.

DAE also has estrogenic properties, which is probably why the woman who started using DAE now feels better. If she has been taking it for less than three to four months, there is a chance that her improvement is due to a placebo effect. If longer, then DAE can take the credit.

The commonly held adage that anything that sounds too good to be true, probably is too good to be true, may apply to DAE. I have no doubt that DAE is a source of IGF-1 and that it can enhance muscle mass and perhaps alleviate some symptoms of menopause. But -- and there is always a but -- it invariably will be abused by people looking for a panacea. Some science supports this stance. IGF-1 has not been shown to be stable in a drop or spray form. The same can be said for HGH. For those of you who wish to read more, I refer you to [www.deervelvet.org](http://www.deervelvet.org), [www.dragonherbs.com](http://www.dragonherbs.com), and a host of other sites for you to decide if DAE is right for you.

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## Study:

## Cash can bribe dieters to lose weight

MARILYNN MARCHIONE  
AP Chief Medical Writer

Willpower apparently can be bought. The chance to win or lose \$20 a month enticed dieters in a yearlong study to drop an average of 9 pounds (4 kilograms)—four times more weight than others who were not offered dough to pass up the doughnuts.

Many employers, insurers and Internet programs dangle dollars to try to change bad habits like smoking or not exercising, but most studies have found this doesn't work very well or for very long.

The new study, done with

Driver said. The Mayo one did that by having people who didn't lose weight put penalties into a fund that paid rewards to those who did.

It's also a good idea to make people pony up in advance. One woman flew into a tizzy when she stepped on a scale at a weigh-in and was told she'd have to pay.

"She headed for the door" but later came back and paid, Driver said. "People in Minnesota are pretty honest."

Driver will discuss the study this weekend at an American College of Cardiology

\$20 when the study ended. Part of the kitty was used to pay the rewards. The rest was put into a lottery that anyone could win, whether they had made their weight-loss goals or not.

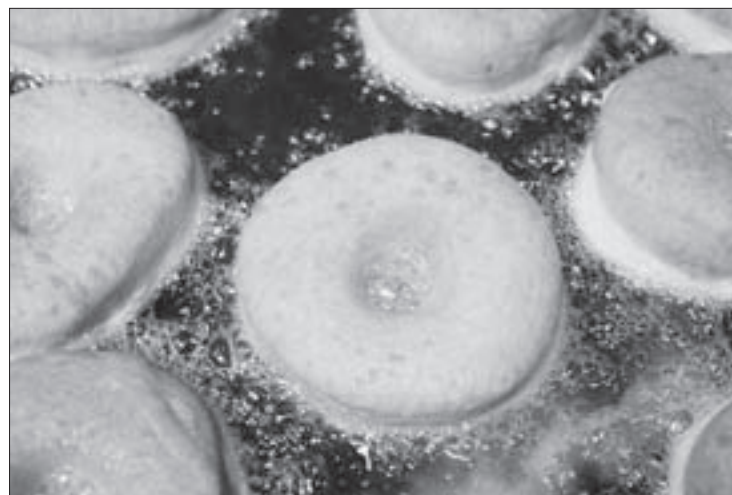
"People saw that if they stuck with it, they had a chance at winning more than they had lost," Driver said.

Participants in the financial incentives group also earned \$10 a month and lottery "tickets" for coming to monthly weigh-ins and texting their weights to study leaders each week, said Dr. Don Hensrud, preventive medicine chief at Mayo. So people could have lost as much as \$240 or won as much as \$360, plus what built up in the lottery fund.

After a year, 27 of the 50 financial incentive participants came out ahead moneywise. About 62 percent of them completed the study versus 26 percent of the other group. The incentives group lost a little more than 9 pounds (4 kilograms) on average, compared to 2.3 pounds (1 kilogram) for the others.

The results are promising, but people may need to lose more than 9 pounds (4 kilograms) to make a big difference in health, said Dr. Kevin Volpp, director of the University of Pennsylvania's Center for Health Incentives and Behavioral Economics.

"There's been an explosion of interest in this" and 86 percent of large employers now provide incentive programs like this, he said. The cash was a big motivator for one study participant — Audrey Traun, 29, a lab training specialist who dropped 40 pounds (18 kilograms), from 215 pounds (98 kilograms) to 175 pounds (80 kilograms). "I was impressed. I didn't think I was quite capable of that," said Traun. As the study went on, though, the cash became less important, and "it was actually more motivating to see my progress — pounds lost and how my clothes were fitting," she said. □



**Doughnuts are fried in cooking oil in New York. Willpower apparently can be bought. The chance to win or lose \$20 a month enticed people in a yearlong study to drop an average of nine pounds - four times more weight than others who were not offered dough to pass up the doughnuts. The new study, done at the Mayo Clinic, was released Thursday, March 7, 2013. (AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)**

Mayo Clinic employees, was the longest test yet of financial incentives for weight loss. Doctors think it succeeded because it had a mix of carrots and sticks — penalties for not losing weight, multiple ways to earn cash for succeeding, and a chance to recoup lost money if you fell off the "diet wagon" and later repented.

Incentives are "not like training wheels where people learn healthy habits and then will continue them on their own" — you have to keep them up for them to work, said one study leader, Dr. Steve Driver of Mayo in Rochester, Minnesota.

And if you're looking to set up a system like this at work or among friends, the key is to make it self-sustaining,

conference in San Francisco. The group released results Thursday. Mayo paid for the study and Driver owns stock in Gympact, a company with an Internet program that gives financial incentives for exercising.

The diet study involved 100 obese employees at Mayo Clinic but was not a workplace wellness program. Half were given weight-loss counseling, monthly weigh-ins and a three-month gym membership. The others had those things plus financial incentives.

The aim was to lose 4 pounds (1.8 kilograms) a month up to a goal that depended on their starting weight. If they failed, they paid \$20 into a kitty. If they succeeded, they got a voucher to collect



# New technologies help travelers lower hotel prices

SCOTT MAYEROWITZ

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — When Amy Eisen originally booked a weeklong vacation to celebrate her 30th anniversary, she was looking at a \$3,749 hotel bill. But Eisen reserved her room at the all-inclusive Sanctuary Cap Cana in the Dominican Republic through a new travel site, Tingo.com. Each day, the booking site automatically checked to see if the hotel lowered its price for the nights Eisen was staying there. Eventually, the price fell. Tingo canceled Eisen's original reservation and rebooked her at the new, lower rate. Her savings: \$1,874.

"I would not have considered that you could continue to ask: Are there any discounts? Are there any discounts? Are there any discounts?" said the Wynnewood, Pennsylvania, psychologist. "I don't think most people would. You book it and think this is the best price I can get."

Tingo is one of a growing number of services that aim to save travelers money on their hotel stays.

The site, which is owned by TripAdvisor, says that trav-

elers have a 20 percent chance of getting at least some money back. The typical rebate is \$50, according to the company, but occasionally travelers like Eisen get much more back.

The site requires prepayment of the room and focuses on fully refundable rates. Sometimes, cheaper rooms might be available through other booking channels but they typically can't be canceled.

Tingo isn't the only site changing the way travelers book. A host of new apps are offering steep discounts on hotel stays, particularly last-minute bookings. HotelTonight offers discounted rooms at more than 2,000 hotels via its iPhone and Androids apps. Each day at noon local time, a slate of rooms is released for each of the 80 cities it currently serves. There are luxury hotels, hip hotels and those categorized as "solid" or "basic." The savings can be substantial. A recent search turned up the Bryant Park Hotel in New York. HotelTonight said a room there should cost \$345 but was offering it for \$239. (A check of the hotel's own

website showed \$285 as the lowest rate.) Two hours later, the room was being offered for \$199. Two hours after that, HotelTonight was out of rooms at the Bryant Park Hotel.

A search for Chicago turned up the Wyndham Blake Hotel. HotelTonight said the going rate was \$179 but that it could offer a room for \$129. The cheapest standard rate on the hotel's own website was \$169; a room could be had for \$152 for AAA members.

HotelTonight users can't request room types, so it is best used by solo travelers or couples. And while many hotels offer ample nonsmoking rooms, nothing is guaranteed using the app.

Travelers can book rooms until 2 a.m. — perfect for unexpected travel delays or those who might have partied too hard and just don't want to go home.

Rooms can be booked for up to five nights but check-in must occur the day of booking.

But as with all travel deals, make sure to shop around. Rates aren't always cheaper on these apps. For instance, HotelTonight was



This screen image released by Smarter Travel Media shows an image from the Tingo website.

offering a room at Caesars Atlantic City for \$49 a night, down from the regular rate of \$62 for that night. However, a quick visit to the hotel's website found a room for \$39 thanks to an online promotion that was being automatically applied to all bookings. As an added bonus, guests could pick a smoking or nonsmoking

room. Priceline — one of the original discount hotel sites — has also jumped into the same-day hotel sale frenzy. Through its iPhone and Android apps and its mobile site, Priceline is now offering "Tonight-Only Deals." The service covers approximately 150 cities and towns around the U.S. on a typical evening. □

## AP source: Google to pay \$7M to settle Wi-Fi case

MICHAEL LIEDTKE

AP Technology Writer

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Google will pay a \$7 million penalty to settle an investigation into the Internet search leader's collection of emails, passwords and

other sensitive information sent over wireless networks several years ago in neighborhoods scattered around America.

The resolution will close a joint investigation by attorneys general in about

30 U.S. states, according to a person familiar with the matter. The person asked not to be identified because the settlement isn't expected to be announced until early next week.

The \$7 million will be shared among all the states, the person said. Google's revenue this year is expected to surpass \$61 billion. At that pace, Google brings in an average of \$7 million in revenue per hour.

The case dates back to 2010 when Google Inc. revealed that company cars taking street-level photos for its online mapping service also had been vacuuming up personal data transmitted over wireless networks that weren't protected by passwords. Google blamed the snooping, which started in

2007, on an overzealous engineer who installed an intrusive piece of software on equipment that the company said was only supposed to detect the location of wireless networks. That explanation didn't placate outraged privacy watchdogs or government regulators in the U.S. and other countries who opened investigations into the company's surveillance of Wi-Fi networks that were operating mostly in homes and small businesses. The multistate inquiry in the U.S. initially was being led by Connecticut, which is now part of an executive committee overseeing the matter.

A spokeswoman for Connecticut Attorney General George Jepsen declined to say whether Google had agreed to a settle-

ment. The investigation is still "active and ongoing," Jepsen spokeswoman Susan Kinsman said Friday.

Google has maintained it didn't break any U.S. laws by grabbing information sent over open networks, but has repeatedly apologized for a breach of online etiquette. The company, which is based in Mountain View, California, issued another note of contrition when contacted Friday.

"We work hard to get privacy right at Google," the company said. "But in this case we didn't, which is why we quickly tightened up our systems to address the issue."

The \$7 million will represent the largest sum that the Google has paid so far in the various U.S. investigations into the so-called "Wi-Spy" matter. □



Cars for Google's Street View project driving in Manhattan. The company is drawing fire over the effort.

Associated Press



# McDonald's Corp. sees sales slip again in February

**NEW YORK (AP)** — McDonald's says a monthly sales figure dipped again as it struggled with intensifying competition and challenging economic conditions around the world. The Oak Brook, Illinois-based company said sales at established restaurants fell 1.5 percent in February. It noted that sales in February of last year benefited from an extra day because it was a leap year. When excluding the impact of that extra day, the company said sales rose 1.7 percent. Still, McDonald's Corp. hadn't logged a monthly sales decline for nearly a decade until this past October. And the figure dropped in January as well, making February the third decline in just five months. The declines reflect the

mounting pressures facing the world's biggest hamburger chain, which had managed to grow and pull away from its rivals through the Great Recession. With Burger King and Wendy's revamping their menus and posing a great-

er threat, McDonald's has stepped up its focus on value and the introduction of limited-time offers to hold onto diners. But some analysts have questioned that strategy, saying a reliance on the Dollar Menu will only hurt profit margins.

Additionally, McDonald's is dealing with a rapidly changing fast-food industry, with diners flocking to chains such as Chipotle and Panera that offer food perceived to be of higher quality for slightly higher prices.

McDonald's said results in February were mixed around the world. In the U.S., the figure was down 3.3 percent, or flat when excluding the impact of the extra day. The company said results were boosted by its new limited-time Fish McBites and the addition of a Grilled Onion Cheddar burger to the Dollar Menu.

In Europe, the figure was down 0.5 percent or up 2.7 percent when factoring out the extra day from a year ago. McDonald's has been focusing on expand-

ing its breakfast menu and restaurant hours throughout the region to boost results.

In the region including Asia Pacific, the Middle East and Africa the sales figure was down 1.6 percent, or up 1.5 percent when excluding the impact of the calendar shift.

Although sales in China and Australia were positive, McDonald's continued to struggle in Japan, where sank 12 percent at restaurants open at least 13 months.

The figure is a key metric because it strips out the effects of newly opened and closed locations. The monthly sales figures are a snapshot of money spent on food at both company-owned and franchised restaurants and do not reflect corporate revenue. □



**A McDonald's Angus Third Pounder, one of the menu items potentially on the chopping block for McDonald's.**  
(AP Photo/Charles Rex Arbogast)

# US unemployment rate falls to lowest in 4 years

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**AP Economics Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The U.S. unemployment rate fell to its lowest level in four years, indicating Friday that employers are confident about the economy despite the fiscal austerity triggered by higher taxes and deep government spending cuts.

The rate dropped to 7.7 percent as employers added 236,000 jobs in February. The jobless rate is now at its lowest since President Barack Obama entered office.

The upbeat report fits with other big economic news

of recent days, including surging stock prices and steady home price increases that have finally allowed Americans to regain the \$16 trillion in wealth they lost to the Great Recession. Job growth has averaged more than 200,000 a month since November. Stock futures rose on the report, putting the Dow Jones industrial average on track for a fourth straight record close.

Still, White House economist Alan Krueger noted in a statement that the new unemployment rate was measured before \$85 billion in automatic budget

cuts started taking effect. The administration has warned that the cuts could have a negative impact on employment and economic growth.

The jobless rate had been stuck at 7.8 percent or above since September. The rate declined last month because the number of unemployed fell 300,000 to just over 12 million, the fewest since December 2008. More than half the decline occurred because 170,000 of the unemployed found jobs. Another 130,000 gave up on their job searches. People who aren't looking for jobs

aren't counted as unemployed.

The unemployment is calculated from a survey of households, while the job gains come from a survey of employers.

Employers added slightly fewer jobs in January than the government had first estimated.

Job gains were lowered to 119,000 from an initially estimated 157,000. Still, December hiring was a little better than first thought, with 219,000 jobs added instead of 196,000.

Robust auto sales and a steady housing recovery are spurring more hiring,

which could trigger more consumer spending and stronger economic growth. The construction industry added 48,000 in February and has added 151,000 since September. Manufacturing has gained 14,000 last month and 39,000 since November. Retailers added 24,000 jobs, a sign that they expect healthy consumer spending in the coming months. Education and health services gained 24,000. And the information industry, which includes publishing, telecommunications and film, added 20,000, mostly in the movie industry. □

# Google cutting 1,200 more jobs at unprofitable Motorola

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Google is cutting an additional 1,200 jobs in its Motorola division as the unprofitable cellphone maker struggles to compete.

Last year, Google Inc. announced 4,000 Motorola job cuts. The latest reductions are in addition to those and will be in countries including the U.S., China and India.

"These cuts are a continuation of the reductions we announced last summer," Google spokeswoman Niki Fenwick said in an email.

When U.S.-based Google bought Motorola last year for \$12.4 billion, it had about 20,000 employees. The online search leader also expects to pare jobs at the division with a planned \$2.35 billion sale of the Motorola set-top business, which has about 7,000 employees. Google had about 53,000 employees as of late September. Google bought Motorola primarily for its 17,000 patents, bolstering the company in the mobile device arms race with other tech-

nology companies. The cellphone business has lost market share to Apple and

Samsung, however, and posted operating losses of \$1.1 billion since Google

completed the Motorola deal in May.

Analysts have been concerned that adding a phone manufacturing business could hurt Google's profitability and potentially alienate the other device makers that use Google's Android mobile operating system. Samsung, HTC and other phone makers run Android. Apple and BlackBerry have their own systems.

The Wall Street Journal reported the Motorola job cuts in Friday's editions. □



**A Motorola device displays Google web content. Google plans to cut an additional 1,200 jobs in its Motorola division.**



# Stocks advance for sixth day on strong jobs growth

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AP Markets Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A burst of hiring in February pushed stocks higher on Wall Street.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 67.58 points, or 0.5 percent, to 14,397.07. The index surpassed its previous record close Tuesday and logged a sixth straight increase Friday.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 6.92 points, or 0.5 percent, to 1,551.18. The Nasdaq composite advanced 12.28 points, or 0.4 percent, to 3,244.37.

U.S. employers added 236,000 jobs last month and the unemployment rate fell to 7.7 percent from 7.9 percent in January, the Labor Department reported. That's far better than the 156,000 job gains and unemployment rate of 7.8 percent that economists surveyed by FactSet expected.

The strong job growth shows that employers are confident about the economy despite higher taxes and government spending cuts.

Optimism that hiring is picking up has been one of the factors bolstering the stock market this year. Stocks have also gained on evidence that the housing market is recovering and company earnings continue to grow.

Stocks have also been

boosted by continuing economic stimulus from the Federal Reserve.

The U.S. central bank began buying bonds in January 2009 and is still purchasing \$85 billion each month in Treasury bonds

JPMorgan Asset Management said that the strong jobs report may heighten speculation that the Fed will end its stimulus sooner than investors had anticipated, which would be a negative for the stock mar-

index is up 8.8 percent since the start of the year, and is less than 1 percent short of its all-time high close of 1,565 set Oct. 9, 2007.

The stock market is drawing in more investors as it

after the financial crisis and Great Recession, said JJ Kinahan, chief derivatives strategist at TD Ameritrade. "It gives hope to those that say this rally isn't just about the Fed, it's about the economy recovering," said Kinahan. "It's giving people confidence that maybe the economy is turning the corner."

The Dow is up 120 percent since reaching a 12-year low during The Great Recession. The index bottomed out almost exactly four years ago, on March 9, 2009, at 6,547. The S&P 500 has gained 129 percent since hitting its own bottom of 676 on the same date.

McDonald's contributed the most to the Dow's gains, rising \$1.62, or 1.7 percent, to \$98.71.

The fast-food restaurant chain reported that a key sales figure fell 3.3 percent in February, but the decline wasn't as bad as analysts were expecting.

H&R Block had the biggest percentage gain on the S&P 500, advancing \$2.30, or 9.2 percent, to \$27.28.

The company said late Thursday that its net loss widened because of a delay to the start of this year's tax season.

The stock got a boost, though, after CEO William Cobb said on a conference call that the company was winning market share, Barrington Research analyst Joe Janssen said. □



A board on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange shows the closing number for the Dow Jones industrial average, Friday, March 8, 2013. The Dow gained 67.58 points, or 0.5 percent, to 14,397.07. The index surpassed its previous record close Tuesday and logged a sixth straight increase Friday.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

and mortgage-backed securities. That has kept interest rates near historic lows, reducing borrowing costs and encouraging investors to move money out of conservative investments like bonds and into stocks. Investors have also been pondering what the Fed's next move will be. That question was in especially sharp focus Friday after the government reported the surge in hiring last month.

Andres Garcia-Amaya at

ket.

"If the economy maintains or increases the pace of job creation....that could change the Fed's stance," said Garcia-Amaya. "That could mean that the Fed could take the 'punch bowl' away."

The Dow has gained 9.9 percent this year and is trading at record levels, having broken its previous record of 14,164 on Tuesday.

The Standard & Poor's 500

continues to surge.

Investors put \$3.2 billion into stock mutual funds in the week ending Wednesday, data provider Lipper reported Friday.

That's the ninth straight week of net inflows to stock funds, bringing this year's total to \$59 billion.

Friday's jobs report strengthens the case of stock market bulls, who say the economy is gaining momentum following a long and tepid recovery

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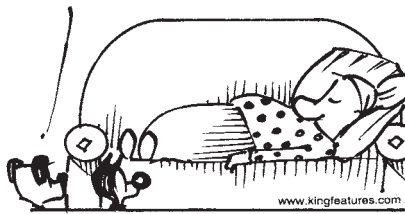


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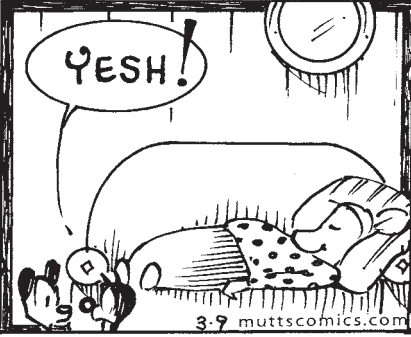


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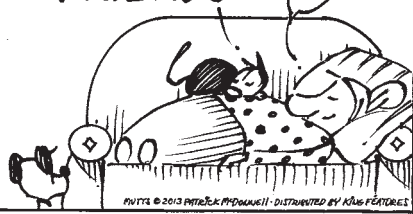
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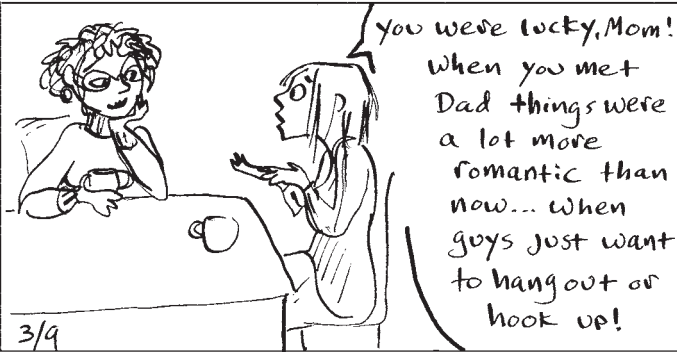
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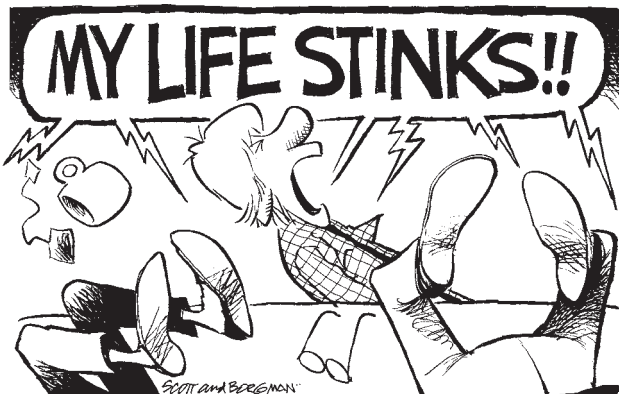
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

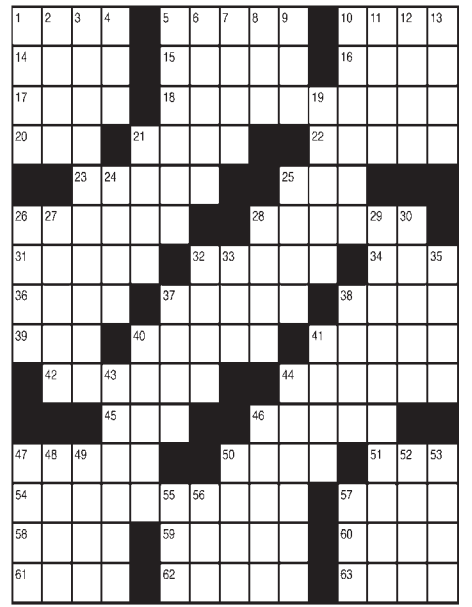
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- Parable lesson
- Smell
- Decorative pitcher
- Quickly
- Window glass
- Singe
- Peaches with smooth skins
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- Cooper or Sinise
- Uneasiness
- End of the Greek alphabet
- Pass away
- Burning
- Vital signs
- Feminine undergarments
- Outdoor play areas
- Acquired
- up with; tolerates
- Free-for-all
- or less; approximately
- Music from Jamaica
- Full of lather
- Treaties
- Get tangled
- Hate
- Cereal grain
- Primp
- Scrapbook
- Computer tech, perhaps
- Peg for Trevino
- Usurers
- Donkey's cry
- Enthusiastic
- "Bye, Juan!"
- Get up
- Tennis court dividers
- Slow-witted
- High cards

DOWN

- Energy
- Has debts



Created by Jacqueline E. Matthews

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Friday's Puzzle Solved

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| EDGE     | SODA     | REEVE |
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- Blunder
- Supervise
- "Tosca" or "Carmen"
- Suggestive
- Perform
- Actor Nicholas
- States one's views
- Mild oath
- Dollar bills
- Take a nap
- against; denounces
- Topaz & ruby
- Geography book drawings
- Urban fellow on a ranch
- Biting vipers
- Stroke of luck
- Hunted animal
- Conceited
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- Slangy reply
- Mont Blanc or the Matterhorn
- Examination
- Majority
- Spouse
- Bursting at the ; overly full
- Quick look
- Candy bar
- Like formal attire
- Tea variety
- Arkin or Hale
- Be crazy about
- Fishhook lure
- Clutch
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- Commotion
- Two-cup item



## Grocery chain to require labels on genetically modified foods

**STEPHANIE STROM**

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Whole Foods Market, the grocery chain, announced Friday that it would require all foods sold in its stores that contain genetically modified ingredients to be labeled as such within five years.

The company is the first retailer in the country to require the labeling, and its executives received a standing ovation when they made the announcement during the Natural Products Expo West, a trade conference, in California.

A.C. Gallo, president of Whole Foods, said the move came in response to consumer demand.

Labels now used on Whole Foods products disclose when a product has been verified as free of genetically engineered ingredients by the Non-GMO Project, a nonprofit certification organization.

"We've seen how our customers have responded to the products we do have labeled," Gallo said. "Some of our manufacturers say they've seen a 15 percent increase in sales of products they have labeled" as certified by the group.

The announcement ricocheted around the food industry and excited proponents of labeling.

"Fantastic," said Mark Kastel, co-director of Cornucopia, an organic advocacy group that favors more labeling.

Gary Hirshberg, chairman of Just Label It, a campaign for a federal requirement to label foods containing genetically modified ingredients, called the Whole Foods decision a "game changer."

"We've had some pretty

big developments in labeling this year, with 22 states now having some sort of pending labeling legislation," Hirshberg said. "Now, one of the fastest growing, most successful retailers in the country is throwing down the gauntlet."

He compared the potential impact of the Whole Foods announcement to Wal-Mart's decision several years ago not to sell milk from cows treated with growth hormone. Today, only a small number of milk cows are injected with the hormone. □



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# Caffeine shot in nectar: for bee memory, not buzz

**MALCOLM RITTER**  
AP Science Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Talk about a caffeine buzz: A new study says honeybees get a shot of caffeine from certain flowers, and it perks up their memory. That spurs them to return to the same type of plant, boosting its prospects for pollination and the future of the plant species. Maybe it shouldn't be a surprise that one of the flowers is the coffee plant. Its nectar offers about as much caffeine concentration as a cup of instant coffee, according to researchers. But some citrus plants serve caffeine too, albeit in lower concentrations. It's found in the nectar of orange



This undated image made available by Geraldine Wright shows a honeybee visiting a citrus flower. Associated Press

and grapefruit blossoms. The caffeine helps a bee remember that the flower's scent promises a tasty payoff, the researchers said. So the bee will seek out those

flowers, transferring their pollen. How could researchers tell the caffeine boosts a bee's memory? In an experiment that used lab tools instead

of flowers, they trained individual bees to expect a sugary drink when they smelled a certain floral scent. Some bees got nectar-like concentrations of caffeine in their drink; others didn't. Then after a day or more, they exposed the insects to the same scent and watched to see if they extended their feeding tubes in response, a sign they were ready to sip. After 24 hours, the bees that had gotten caffeine were three times as likely to remember as bees that hadn't. After 72 hours, they were twice as likely. Bees can't taste caffeine at levels found in nectar, but the researchers found

it affects certain brain cells involved in memory. The work, by Geraldine Wright of Newcastle University in England and co-authors, was reported Thursday by the journal Science. Gene Robinson, a bee biologist at the University of Illinois who didn't participate in the study, said it provides strong evidence that coffee and citrus plants use the caffeine strategy. Now the question is how many plants might use this trick, he said in an email. After all, bees pollinate thousands of species. Wright said in an email that other plants are now under study, but that only about 100 species can make caffeine. □

## Radar reveals apparent buried channels on Mars

**ALICIA CHANG**  
AP Science Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — The face of Mars is dotted with a maze of channels, pointing to possible ancient megaflood episodes. Now scientists peering below the surface have uncovered the first evidence

of underground channels apparently created by flooding — a finding that's expected to further illuminate the role of water in Mars' history. Using a ground-piercing radar sensor aboard the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, a team of scientists

created 3-D maps of an equatorial region known as Elysium Planitia and the channels that run underneath the plains. Besides the contributions from rovers and landers, "our view of the red planet has largely been restricted to looking at the surface"

reth Morgan, a planetary scientist at the Smithsonian Institution. The research, published online Thursday in the journal Science, offers a new perspective below the Martian surface and hints of past flooding at a time when the planet was mostly thought to be cold and desert-like. The channels remained hidden because the once volcanically active region had been filled

Dry channels on the Martian surface were first spied by Mariner 9 in 1971. Later observations by the Viking spacecraft suggested the geologic features were likely carved by water. Mars missions since then have used sophisticated instruments to image these winding channels. The latest 3-D maps, painstakingly pieced together from radar data collected by numerous spacecraft passes, have already changed scientists' notions: The channels are deeper than expected, a sign that flooding was more extensive than generally believed. Morgan said the origin of the ancient floodwaters likely came from a deep reservoir and were possibly unleashed by a volcanic eruption. Brown University Mars expert John Mustard called the new work "totally cool and significant." "It shows a completely new dimension for considering the evolution of Mars," Mustard, who was not part of the study, said in an email. □



This image provided by NASA and taken by a camera aboard NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter shows the equatorial plains region known as Elysium Planitia on Mars. Associated Press

from orbiting spacecraft, said lead researcher Ga-

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## Bieber scuffles with London paparazzi



In this Monday, March 4, 2013 file photo, Canadian singer Justin Bieber performs at the O2 Arena in east London. Associated Press

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Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Justin Bieber's week just got worse. Following a brief hospital stay after fainting backstage, the 19-year-old pop star's preparation for a final concert in London on

Friday hit a speed bump. Bieber got into an altercation with insult-hurling paparazzi, lashing out at a photographer with a stream of expletives as he was restrained by minders. The singer quickly took to Twitter to address the incident, which was captured by Channel 5 news, and pledged to channel his "adrenaline" into his Friday show.

"Ahhhhh! Rough morning. Trying to feel better for this show tonight but let the paps get the best of me," he posted on the social networking site.

"Sometimes when people r shoving cameras in your face all day and yelling the worst thing possible at u...well I'm human. Rough week."

The scuffle came just hours after Bieber said he was "getting better" after struggling to breathe during the previous night's concert at the O2 arena, and pledged the show would go on as planned. □

## Joy Behar leaving ABC's 'The View'

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AP Entertainment Writer  
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Joy Behar will be enjoying "The View" for only five more months. The 70-year-old comedian is leaving the ABC daytime talk show at the end of the current season in August. The network said in a statement Thursday that it wishes Behar "all the best in this next chapter, and are thrilled that we have her for the remainder of the season." Behar has co-hosted the show for 16 seasons. She was among the first co-hosts with co-creator Barbara Walters when the series debuted in 2006. The current panel includes Whoopi Goldberg, Elisabeth Hasselbeck and Sherri Shepherd. In addition to "The View," Behar hosted "The Joy Be-



This April 20, 2011 file photo shows Joy Behar arriving to the opening night performance of the Broadway musical "Sister Act" in New York. Associated Press

har Show" on HLN from 2009 to 2011 and currently hosts "Joy Behar: Say Anything!" on Current TV, which debuted last year. □

## River Phoenix's last film premieres in Miami



In this undated photo provided by the Miami International Film Festival, actor River Phoenix is shown while filming the movie "Dark Blood." Associated Press

By KELLI KENNEDY  
Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — When actor Jonathan Pryce first received a copy of River Phoenix's last film "Dark Blood," it sat unwatched on his desk for months. He worried about how he would feel reliving Phoenix's death, growing nostalgic about memorable dinners the two shared after long days of filming in Utah and recalling the shocking 5 a.m. phone call telling him the young actor had died.

"It's very hard to comprehend for a while. It was a terribly sad time," said Pryce, who starred in the film alongside Phoenix and Judy Davis.

Now, 20 years later, "Dark Blood" made its U.S. premiere at the Miami International Film Festival on Wednesday, a testament to the endurance of 80-year-old director George Sluizer, who almost died before the film was completed, and a tribute to Phoenix's timeless charisma. It's uncertain whether the film will ever go to a general release. Sluizer said negotiations are ongoing with the company that owns the movie.

In the film, Pryce and Da-

vis play a jet-set Hollywood couple who travel through the desert desperately trying to save their marriage on a second honeymoon. They seek shelter in Phoenix's shack after their car breaks down, unaware that he intends to keep them as prisoners. Phoenix played Boy, whose wife died of leukemia from nuclear testing, leaving him alone and isolated in the desert.

But the journey to complete the film is every bit as dramatic as the story itself. Phoenix, a rising star from "Stand by Me" and "My Own Private Idaho," was 23 when he died in 1993 outside The Viper Room in Los Angeles. The cause was heart failure after overdosing on heroin and cocaine. After his death, there was talk of finding another actor to replace Phoenix or using special effects to finish "Dark Blood." The film was about 80 percent complete and most of the missing scenes were between Davis and Phoenix. But Sluizer ultimately passed on those options and the film footage sat untouched in a vault for years. In 1999, the Dutch director learned the footage was going to be burned to make space for

new material, so he quickly transported it to The Netherlands, where it sat for another decade.

Sluizer was diagnosed with a heart arrhythmia in 2007 and "the doctors basically condemned me". But the director recovered and felt compelled to finish "Dark Blood" before it was too late. He sorted through the material, uncovering missing and damaged reels and narrated the voiceovers himself to fill in missing pieces of the plot. He doesn't think it is now dated, calling it a story with themes that transcend time. When Sluizer first met Phoenix at a San Francisco hotel to discuss the film, he worried about how a hot-shot heartthrob would handle working with an older director.

But Phoenix was respectful and compassionate, abruptly running off to get an ailing Sluizer some headache medicine during their first meeting, and accompanying Sluizer on long hikes in Utah. Sluizer said he knew of Phoenix' history with substance abuse and checked in with the actor's mother to make sure he was OK before filming began. □



# Motown founder readies or 'last major endeavor'

**JEFF KAROUB**  
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**Associated Press**

**DETROIT (AP)** — For Berry Gordy, conquering Broadway is the next — and by his own admission, last — major milestone of a magical, musical career.

The 83-year-old Motown Records founder is taking his story and that of his legendary label to the Great White Way.

"Motown: The Musical," which begins previews on Monday at the Lunt-Fontanne Theatre, allows Gordy to relive the ups and downs of a career that launched him into the entertainment stratosphere and he's confident will allow him to leave the stage on a high note.

"Most likely it will be my last major endeavor in a creative way," he said in a telephone interview. "Of course everyone disagrees with me when I say that statement. This is probably the epitome of everything I've done — that I've wanted to do."

For those under the impression that Gordy simply signed off on the musical, think again.

The Rock and Roll Hall of

Famer not only sealed up a Broadway slot and agreed to co-produce the show, he also delivered its book and three original songs.

"When I came to Broadway, I had no idea I was going to love it as much as I do," Gordy said. "(People asked), 'How are you going to Broadway-ize Motown?' I said, 'I'm not going to Broadway-ize Motown, I'm going to bring Motown to Broadway.'"

This time, he's starting with experience. Motown's big stars during the label's heyday were, as Gordy puts it, "kids off the street" — singers such as a not-far-out-of-high-school Smokey Robinson, Little Stevie Wonder and a pre-teen Michael Jackson.

But on Broadway, the team includes director Charles Randolph-Wright and actors Brandon Victor Dixon (Gordy) and Valisia LeKae (Diana Ross), all of whom are Broadway fixtures.

"We're starting from a higher level," Gordy said. Even with a top-notch creative team on and off the stage, the show's success — just as Motown's was at its founding 54 years ago — starts and ends with the

music.

And in that realm, the team behind the show is working from a position of strength. Maybe too much strength. Gordy described it as "very difficult" to select classic Motown tracks for the musical, considering the massive trove from which to choose.

Randolph-Wright joked late last year that the show might be 15 hours long. The first version had 100 tunes in it, "and I wanted every song," he said.

But both men agreed that the way to solve the too-many-songs problem was to focus on numbers that fit the musical's thematic structure, or what Randolph-Wright called "the spine of the story."

Since Gordy had special insight into the songs that comprise the label's vast catalog, he was able to make suggestions as to which ones fit particular story arcs. That was the case with Marvin Gaye's "What's Going On," which ends the first act; and "Ball of Confusion (That's What the World is Today)," The Temptations classic that starts the second.

Gordy's role went well be-



This March 5, 2013 photo shows Berry Gordy posing for a portrait in Times Square in New York.

Associated Press

yond song-selector, however.

Gordy, who penned his first hit during the Eisenhower Administration, returned to his songwriting roots, working alongside long-

time collaborator Michael Lovesmith to create a trio of original compositions for the musical: "Hey Joe," "Can I Close the Door on Love?" and "It's What's in the Groove that Counts." □

# DiCaprio says on-screen violence doesn't deter him

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)** — Leonardo DiCaprio says filming violent scenes like in "Django Unchained" doesn't deter him from wanting his movies to be great art.

The bloody revenge film about slavery before the U.S. Civil War has fueled some of the debate about whether Hollywood shows too much on-screen violence. DiCaprio portrays a ruthless plantation owner encountered by a freed slave and bounty hunter (Jamie Foxx and Christoph Waltz).

"My philosophy has kind of always been the same: Pain is temporary, film is forever," DiCaprio said Thursday in South Korea.

"You do everything you possibly can, you give it your all, all of your focus, and hopefully you come out with, if all the elements

mixed together correctly, you come out with a great piece of art," he said. "To me, cinema is the great modern art form."

Director Quentin Tarantino, whose graphically violent filmography also includes "Pulp Fiction" and "Inglourious Basterds," has taken the long view on "Django" as well, noting films become less controversial as they age.

The film won two Academy Awards last month, supporting actor for Waltz and original screenplay for Tarantino.

DiCaprio spoke at a news conference and attended the film's red-carpet premiere in Seoul.

Mobbed by fans snapping pictures of him on their phones, DiCaprio said it was an incredible welcome for his first trip to South Korea and he was



Actor Leonardo DiCaprio waves to fans upon arriving for the premiere of his new film "Django Unchained" in Seoul, South Korea, Thursday, March 7, 2013.

Associated Press

sure to return.

"Django Unchained"

opened last weekend in Japan, and it opens in

South Korea and Singapore on March 21. □



## The Market Speaks



**PAUL KRUGMAN**  
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Four years ago, as a newly elected president began his efforts to rescue the economy and strengthen the social safety net, conservative economic pundits – people who claimed to understand markets and know how to satisfy them – warned of imminent financial disaster. Stocks, they declared, would plunge, while interest rates would soar.

Even a casual trawl through the headlines of the time turns up one dire pronouncement after another.

"Obama's radicalism is killing the Dow," warned an op-ed article by Michael Boskin, an economic adviser to both Presidents Bush. "The disciplinarians of U.S. policymakers return," declared The Wall Street Journal, warning that the "bond vigilantes" would soon push Treasury yields to destructive heights.

Sure enough, this week the Dow Jones industrial average has been hitting all-time highs, while the current yield on 10-year U.S. government bonds is roughly half what it was when The Journal published that screed.

OK, everyone makes a bad prediction now and then. But these predictions have special significance, and not just because the people who made them have had such a remarkable track record of error these past several years.

No, the important point about these particular bad predictions is that they came from people who constantly invoke the potential wrath of the markets as a reason we must follow their policy advice. Don't try to cover America's uninsured, they told us; if you do, you will undermine business confidence and the stock market will tank. Don't try to reform Wall Street, or even criticize its abuses; you'll hurt the plutocrats' feelings, and that will lead to plunging markets. Don't try to fight unemployment with higher government spending; if you do, interest rates will skyrocket.

And, of course, do slash Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid right away, or the markets will punish you for your presumption.

By the way, I'm not just talking about the hard right; a fair number of self-proclaimed centrists play the same game. For example, two years ago, Erskine Bowles and Alan Simpson warned us to expect an attack of the bond vigilantes within, um, two years unless we ad-

opted, you guessed it, Simpson-Bowles.

So what the bad predictions tell us is that we are, in effect, dealing with priests who demand human sacrifices to appease their angry gods – but who actually have no insight whatsoever into what those gods actually want, and are simply projecting their own preferences onto the alleged mind of the market.

What, then, are the markets actually telling us?

I wish I could say that it's all good news, but it isn't. Those low interest rates are the sign of an economy that is nowhere near to a full recovery from the financial crisis of 2008, while the high level of stock prices shouldn't be cause for celebration; it is, in large part, a reflection of the growing disconnect between productivity and wages.

The interest-rate story is fairly simple. As some of us have been trying to explain for four years and more, the financial crisis and the bursting of the housing bubble created a situation in which almost all of the economy's major players are simultaneously trying to pay down debt by spending less than their income. Since my spending is your income and your spending is my income, this means a deeply depressed economy. It also means low interest rates, because another way to look at our situation is, to put it loosely, that right now everyone wants to save and nobody wants to invest. So we're awash in desired savings with no place to go, and those excess savings are driving down borrowing costs.

Under these conditions, of course, the government should ignore its short-run deficit and ramp up spending to support the economy. Unfortunately, policymakers have been intimidated by those false priests, who have convinced them that they must pursue austerity or face the wrath of the invisible market gods.

Meanwhile, about the stock market: Stocks are high, in part, because bond yields are so low, and investors have to put their money somewhere. It's also true, however, that while the economy remains deeply depressed, corporate profits have staged a strong recovery. And that's a bad thing! Not only are workers failing to share in the fruits of their own rising productivity, hundreds of billions of dollars are piling up in the treasuries of corporations that, facing weak consumer demand, see no reason to put those dollars to work.

So the message from the markets is by no means a happy one. What the markets are clearly saying, however, is that the fears and prejudices that have dominated Washington discussion for years are entirely misguided. And they're also telling us that the people who have been feeding those fears and peddling those prejudices don't have a clue about how the economy actually works. □



## The Good, Racist People



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Last month the actor Forest Whitaker was stopped in a Manhattan delicatessen by an employee. Whitaker is one of the pre-eminent actors of his generation, with a diverse and celebrated catalog ranging from "The Great Debaters" to "The Crying Game" to "Ghost Dog: The Way of the Samurai." By now it is likely that he has adjusted to random strangers who can't get his turn as Idi Amin out of their heads. But the man who approached the Oscar winner at the deli last month was in no mood for autographs. The employee stopped Whitaker, accused him of shoplifting and then promptly frisked him. The act of self-deputization was futile. Whitaker had stolen nothing. On the contrary, he'd been robbed.

The deli where Whitaker was harassed happens to be in my neighborhood. Columbia University is up the street. Broadway, the main drag, is dotted with nice restaurants and classy bars that cater to beautiful people. I like my neighborhood. And I've patronized the deli with some regularity, often several times in a single day. I've sent my son in my stead. My wife would often trade small talk with whoever was working checkout. Last year when

my beautiful niece visited, she loved the deli so much that I felt myself a sideshow. But it's understandable. It's a good deli. Since the Whitaker affair, I've read and listened to interviews with the owner of the establishment. He is apologetic to a fault and is sincerely mortified. He says that it was a "sincere mistake" made by a "decent man" who was "just doing his job." I believe him. And yet for weeks now I have walked up Broadway, glancing through its windows with a mood somewhere between Marvin Gaye's "Distant Lover" and Al Green's "For the Good Times."

In modern America we believe racism to be the property of the uniquely villainous and morally deformed, the ideology of trolls, gorgons and orcs. We believe this even when we are actually being racist. In 1957, neighbors in Levittown, Pa., uniting under the flag of segregation, wrote: "As moral, religious and law-abiding citizens, we feel that we are unprejudiced and undiscriminating in our wish to keep our community a closed community." A half-century later little had changed. The comedian Michael Richards (Kramer on "Seinfeld") once yelled at a black heckler from the stage: "He's a nigger! He's a nigger! He's a nigger!" Confronted about this, Richards apologized and then said, "I'm not a racist" and called the claim "insane." The idea that racism lives in the heart of particularly evil individuals, as opposed to the heart of a democratic society, is reinforcing to anyone who might, from time to time, find their tongue sprinting ahead of their discretion. We can forgive Whitaker's assailant. Much harder to forgive is all that makes Whitaker stand out in the first place. New York is a city, like most in America, that bears the

scars of redlining, blockbusting and urban renewal. The ghost of those policies haunts us in a wealth gap between blacks and whites that has actually gotten worse over the past 20 years. But much worse, it haunts black people with a kind of invisible violence that is given tell only when the victim happens to be an Oscar winner. The promise of America is that those who play by the rules, who observe the norms of the "middle class," will be treated as such. But this injunction is only half-enforced when it comes to black people, in large part because we were never meant to be part of the American story. Forest Whitaker fits that bill, and he was addressed as such.

I am trying to imagine a white president forced to show his papers at a national news conference, and coming up blank. I am trying to imagine a prominent white Harvard professor arrested for breaking into his own home, and coming up with nothing. I am trying to see Sean Penn or Nicolas Cage being frisked at an upscale deli, and I find myself laughing in the dark. It is worth considering the messaging here. It says to black kids: "Don't leave home. They don't want you around." It is messaging propagated by moral people.

The other day I walked past this particular deli. I believe its owners to be good people. I felt ashamed at withholding business for something far beyond the merchant's reach. I mentioned this to my wife. My wife is not like me. When she was 6, a little white boy called her cousin a nigger, and it has been war ever since. "What if they did that to your son?" she asked.

And right then I knew that I was tired of good people, that I had had all the good people I could take. □



# Louis Vuitton presents sensuous, feminine Autumn-Winter 2013 -2014



Monogram and Damier canvas are nowhere to be seen on the catwalk; instead, its three iconic bag shapes have been realized in supple fabrications and softer constructions to emphasize their more sensuous and feminine aspects. The PochetteAccessoire, the Lockit and the Speedy boast resplendent textures such as marabou, curled goose feather and waxed crocodile. The mink Speedys have handles carved in exotic, aromatic woods that have been antiqued by hand; the handles on the python bags are made from horn; and the signature metal chain on the PochetteAccessoire has been adorned with precious stones.

Similarly with the ready to wear: the strength of its appeal lies not in a graphic or logo but in the seduction of the surface treatments. The entire collection has a touch of une robe de chambre, an attitude of getting dressed up only to find the most glamorous destination is one's own hotel room.

Fabrics and structures derived from menswear have been rendered more feminine through their fabrication. From marabou linings to feather embroidery to dégradé effects, the embellishments are decadent indulgences redolent of the boudoir.



**ORANJESTAD/PARIS** - On Wednesday Louis Vuitton presented its Autumn-Winter 2013-2014 Women's Collection in a unique setting in Paris, conducted under the ever so detail oriented Marc Jacobs. Precious, pieces from this collection will be as well on display in the Aruba Louis

Vuitton boutique at Renaissance Mall, once the collection becomes available in Louis Vuitton locations worldwide. This season the focus of the collection is on the luxurious quality and treatment of the materials produced by the savoir-faire of Louis Vuitton ateliers. The house's



Louis Vuitton lovers are invited to enjoy the complete fashion show, which

is already available for viewing on [www.louisvuitton.com](http://www.louisvuitton.com).